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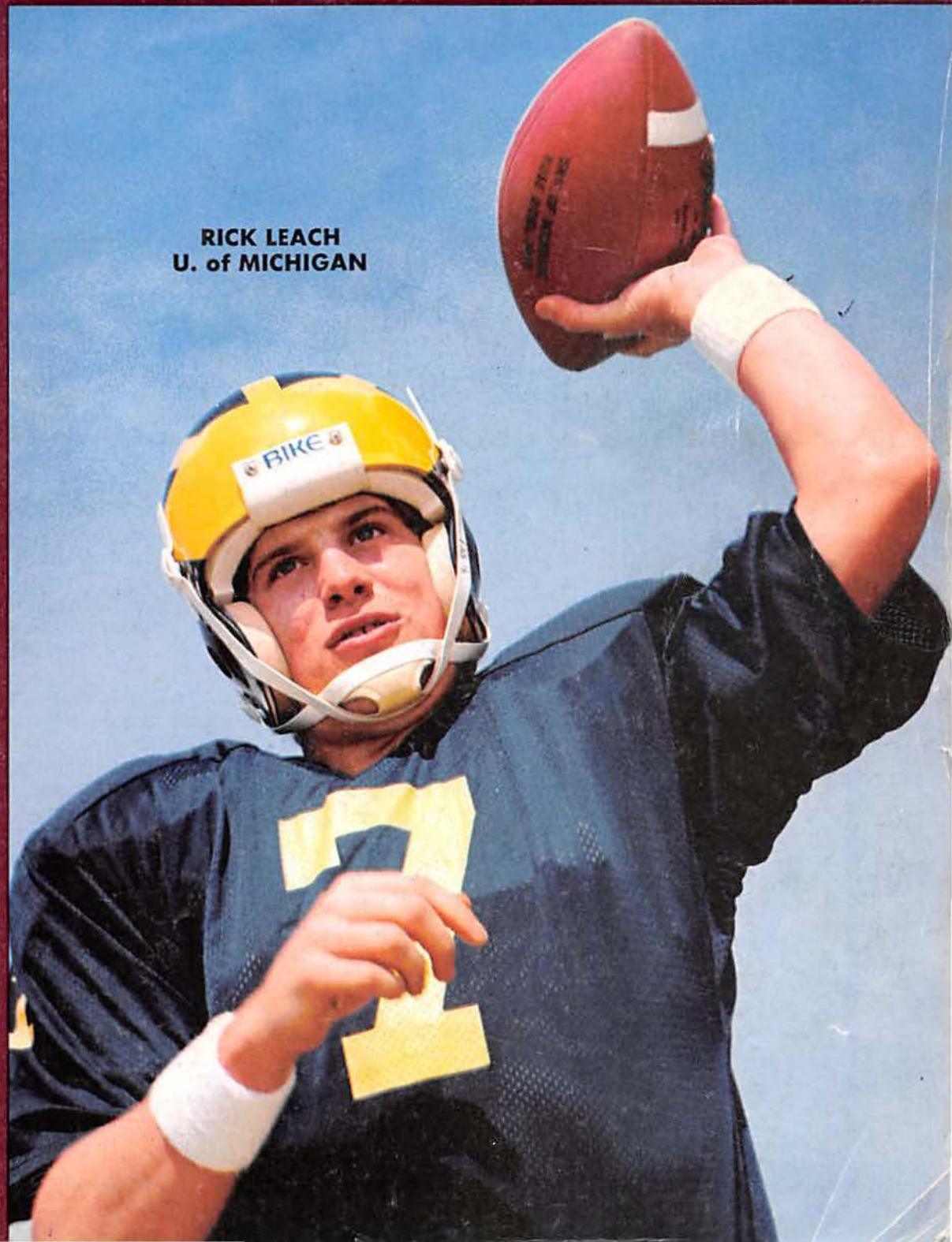
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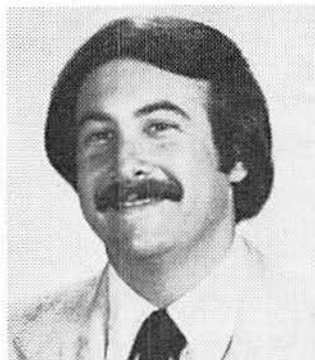
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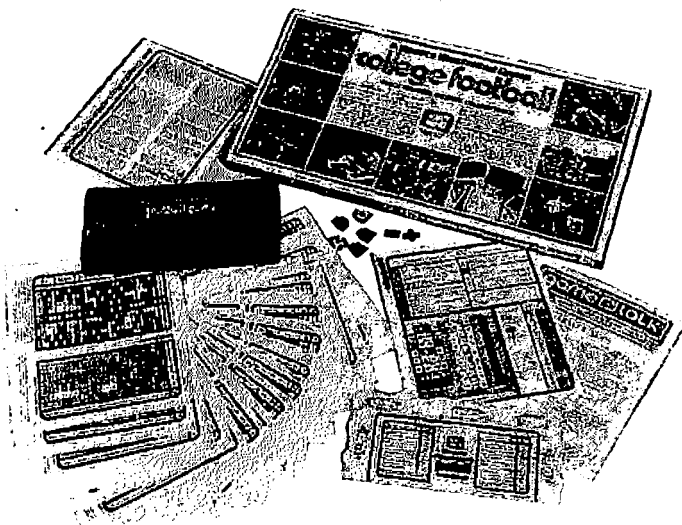
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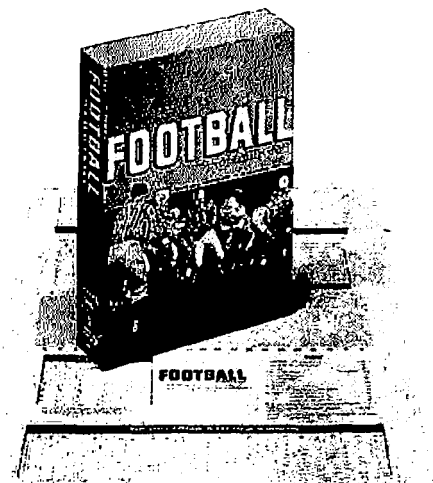
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Alabama, seeking its seventh Southeastern Conference title in eight years, again is the class of the SEC and gets our nod as the No. 1 team in the nation for 1978. With a rugged defense and an offense led by stellar QB Jeff Rutledge, Coach Bear Bryant should be sitting pretty come bowl time.

Ohio State and Michigan again will be tussling for the Big Ten crown which they have shared for the past two years and most likely will divide it up again. Both have veteran quarterbacks, tough defenses, and a wealth of talent.

Arkansas, with Coach Lou Holtz proving he's back where he belongs, looks the best in the Southwest Conference which could have as many as five teams in the scramble. The Razorbacks' crushing of Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl said plenty, and they have most of that defense back. Texas A&M, which flopped last year, and surprise SWC winner Texas figure to be next best in the conference. A&M's defense should be better and there's 45 lettermen to call on. Texas will be hurt by the loss of Earl Campbell and Brad Shearer.

Speaking of surprises, Washington certainly did it last year by winning the Pacific Eight, then cap-

NATION'S TOP 15

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|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Alabama | 6. Notre Dame | 11. Penn State |
| 2. Ohio State | 7. Oklahoma | 12. UCLA |
| 3. Arkansas | 8. Southern California | 13. Texas |
| 4. Michigan | 9. Texas A&M | 14. LSU |
| 5. Washington | 10. Kentucky | 15. Nebraska |

turing the Rose Bowl. It won't surprise anyone if the Huskies repeat, although it's now the expanded Pacific Ten, because they have 18 starters and 45 lettermen back. Of course, Southern Cal and UCLA will be in the hunt which they dominated for so long.

Notre Dame has the tough task of defending its national championship, and a tough schedule as well. But the Irish are always right up there.

Oklahoma has won six Big Eight Conference crowns in a row and nothing tells us the Sooners won't repeat. Seniors dominate their squad which includes 16 returning starters. Nebraska is next best in the Big Eight because of its exceptional running backs.

Penn State regained its perennial No. 1 spot in the East last season after Pitt's one-year reign (which also was good for the national title) and should stay there. Twelve starters, led by QB Chuck Fusina, will put the Nittany Lions in the bowl picture again.

In addition to Alabama, two other SEC powers—up-and-coming Kentucky and LSU crack the Top 15. Solid running backs and more depth make Kentucky formidable while LSU places its hopes on explosive tailback Charles Alexander.

ALL AMERICA CANDIDATES (Listed Alphabetically)

QUARTERBACKS

BAYUK, STEVE	Texas Christian
CALCAGNI, RON	Arkansas
DAVIS, DANNY	Houston
DUNN, MIKE	Duke
FORD, MIKE	Southern Methodist
FULLER, STEVE	Clemson
FUSINA, CHUCK	Penn State
HONTAS, ROCH	Tulane
HURLEY, BILL	Syracuse
LEACH, RICK	Michigan
MONTANA, JOE	Notre Dame
MOSLEY, MIKE	Texas A&M
RUTLEDGE, JEFF	Alabama
THOMPSON, JACK	Washington State
WILSON, MARC	Brigham Young

GUARDS

BOSTIC, JOE (og)	Clemson
HOWELL, PAT (og)	Southern California
HUNT, DARYL	Oklahoma
LEFFLER, DUKE (og)	California
ROBERTS, GREG	Oklahoma
SCHMEDING, JOHN (og)	Boston College

CENTERS

CHANDLER, MARK	Washington State
HUFFMAN, DAVE	Notre Dame
SHAW, ROBERT	Tennessee
STEPHENSON, DWIGHT	Alabama

BACKS

ALEXANDER, CHARLES	Louisiana State
ANDREWS, WILLIAM	Auburn
BROWN, TED	N.C. State
BRYANT, KENNY	Oregon
COWENS, BEN	Arkansas
DAVIS, RUSSELL	Michigan
DICKEY, CURTIS	Texas A&M
EASLEY, KENNY (db)	UCLA
GRAVES, TOM (db)	Michigan State
GLASGOW, NESBY	Washington
GREEN, DEXTER	Iowa State
HARDEMAN, MYRON	Wyoming
HALL, GERALD	East Carolina
HASLIP, WILBERT	Hawaii
HIPP, I.M.	Nebraska

IVERY, EDDIE LEE	Georgia Tech
JOHNSON, CHARLES (db)	Grambling
JOHNSON, JOHNNY (db)	Texas
JONES, HAM	Texas
LAWLER, PAUL (db)	Colgate
LAWRENCE, AMOS	North Carolina
MAYBERRY, JAMES	Colorado
MCDONALD, JAMES	Wake Forest
NATHAN, TONY	Alabama
NELSON, DARRIN	Stanford
SALES, ROLAND	Arkansas
SPRINGS, RON	Ohio State
STEEL, JOE	Washington
THOMPSON, VINCE	Villanova
WHITE, CHARLES	Southern California
WILLIAMS, MIKE	New Mexico
WOODARD, GEORGE	Texas A&M

LINEBACKERS

ARVANETIS, MIKE	Hawaii
BRANTLEY, SCOT	Florida
CERESINO, GORDY	Stanford
COUSINEAU, TOM	Ohio State
CUMBY, GEORGE	Oklahoma
CURTIS, DOUG	Colgate
FANTETI, KEN	Wyoming
GOLIC, BOB	Notre Dame
HODGE, DAVID	Houston
JACKSON, MIKE	Washington
KINLAW, REGGIE	Oklahoma
KOVACH, JIM	Kentucky
KUNZ, LEE	Nebraska
MANUMALEUNA, FRANK	Fresno State
NORMAN, JOE	Indiana
ROBINSON, JERRY	UCLA
RUSK, TOM	Iowa
SIMPkins, RON	Michigan
SMITH, ED	Vanderbilt
SMITH, FREDDIE	Auburn
SULLIVAN, JOHN	Illinois

ENDS

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BRYANT, JIMMY	Utah State
BYER, RON (te)	Arizona
DANZLER, KELTON	Ohio State

DeLOACH, RALPH	California
GAINES, SPIDER	Washington
GIBSON, KIRK	Michigan State
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HARRIS, AL (de)	Arizona State
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JONES, GORDON	Pittsburgh
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LEE, RON (te)	Baylor
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McCONKEY, PHIL	Navy
TOLBERT, EMANUAL	Southern Methodist
WATTS, RICKY	Tulsa
WINSLOW, KELLEN (te)	Missouri

TACKLES

BELL, MIKE	Colorado State
CARROLL, MATT (ot)	Pittsburgh
CLARK, BRUCE	Penn State
DUGAS, ROBERT (ot)	Louisiana State
JOHNSON, CHARLIE	Maryland
JOHNSON, GARY	Baylor
MULLEN, MATT	Penn State
MILLER, MATT (ot)	Colorado
MUNOZ, ANTHONY (ot)	Southern California
ROBINSON, JACKIE (ot)	Wake Forest
RONAN, JIM	Minnesota
SEHAL, BILL (ot)	Arizona
SMERLAS, FRED	Boston College
SMITH, DON	Miami (Fla.)
THUIASOSOPO, MANU	UCLA
TAYLOR, LANCE	Texas
TOEWS, JEFF	Washington
VAUGHAN, RUBEN	Colorado
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KICKERS

ERXLEBEN, RUSSELL (p)	Texas
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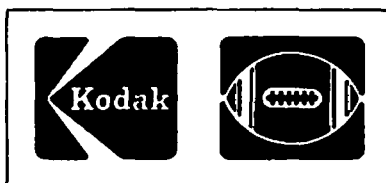
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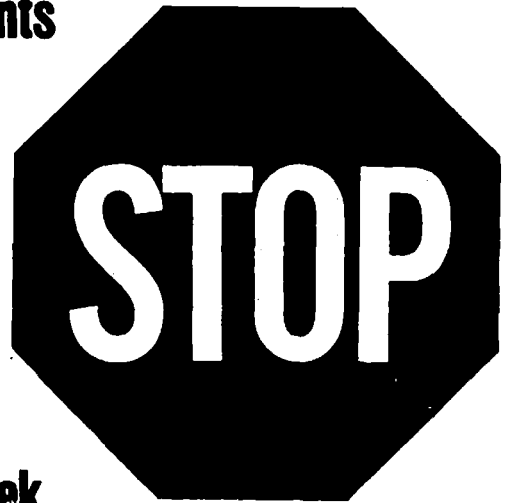
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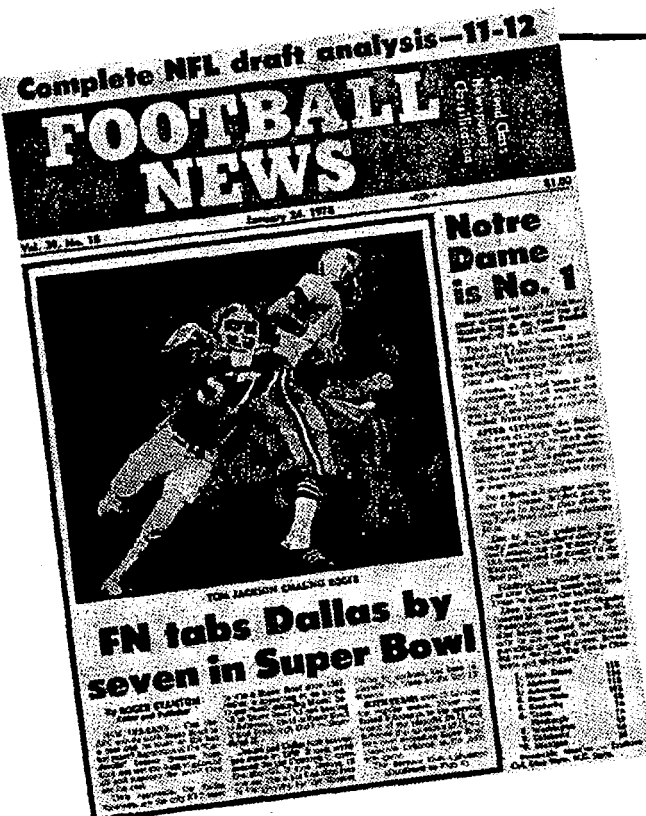
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ROD GERALD, left, connected on 67 passes totaling 1016 yards and four touchdowns last season for the Ohio State Buckeyes, which has all-America linebacker TOM COUSINEAU, center, and brilliant receiver RON SPRINGS.



DAVE WAYMER, above, scores touchdown for Notre Dame in win over Purdue. BOB GOLIC, below, set Irish single-season record with 146 tackles in 1977.



BILL DUFEK, Michigan OT, was sidelined all last year.



RICK LEACH again is at the controls for the Michigan Wolverines.





by Paul Hornung

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Mid-West

BUCKEYES AND WOLVERINES AGAIN IN SHOWDOWN; IRISH AGAIN TOP INDEPENDENT

PREDICTIONS

Big 10

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|---------------------|------------------|
| • 1. Ohio State | 6. Minnesota |
| • 2. Michigan | 7. Iowa |
| • 3. Michigan State | 8. Wisconsin |
| 4. Indiana | 9. Illinois |
| 5. Purdue | 10. Northwestern |

Independents

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Notre Dame | 5. Dayton |
| 2. Cincinnati | 6. Illinois State |
| 3. Youngstown | 7. Western Illinois |
| 4. Akron | |

Mid-American

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| • 1. Miami | 6. Kent State |
| • 2. Ball State | 7. Northern Illinois |
| • 3. Central Michigan | 8. Bowling Green |
| • 4. Western Michigan | 9. Ohio Univ. |
| 5. Eastern Michigan | 10. Toledo |

Ohio Conference

(Red Division)

- 1. Baldwin Wallace
- 2. Mt. Union
- 3. Heidelberg
- 4. Ohio Wesleyan
- 5. Denison

(Blue Division)

- 1. Wittenberg
- 2. Wooster
- 3. Otterbein
- 4. Capital
- 5. Marietta

Not in title race—Kenyon, Oberlin

The curtain will probably ring down on Mid-West football with an Ohio State-Michigan Big 10 championship donnybrook—again. After all, it's been that way for the last six years and nine of the last 10 and nothing suggests a format change for 1978.

But, for the first time, the Mid-West season will have a smash first act, too.

Penn State, pride of the East, will challenge Ohio State (11th in the polls last year) in the Buckeye opener, Sept. 16, and, the next Saturday, Michigan (9th in the polls) and National Champion Notre Dame (both polls) get together at South Bend for their first football confrontation in 25 years.

What a pair of dream matchups! Each undoubtedly will bear significantly on the National Championship. Each will be a national-spotlight attraction—surely on TV. How could ABC ignore such titanic collisions by such long-time collegiate powers?

None of the four is headed for a traditional "re-building", or off year, although Dan Devine's Irish

will have to go into battle without six first, or 2nd-team All-Americans.

But the two major independents do enjoy an inherent advantage. Both Ohio State's Woody Hayes and Michigan's Bo Schembechler attach greater importance to the Big 10 championship campaign.

"This is a real big game for us," Hayes says of the Penn State opener, "and we'll play the best we possibly can."

But he hasn't changed his philosophy of 28 years. He doesn't call non-Conference games "exhibitions" anymore, but he attests, "the Conference season has always been No. 1."

"I'm looking forward to playing Notre Dame," Schembechler agrees. "We'll put more emphasis on this game than any non-Conference game we've ever played. But we're not shooting for them like the Conference. It's not going to be as life-or-death as Ohio State."

That might sound like a just-in-case alibi, but it isn't. No one outside the area can quite understand the intensity of this neighboring-state and teacher-pupil rivalry. Hayes never refers to Michigan as anything but the "school up North". He once pushed his car across the state line into Ohio when it ran out of gas, not wanting to add even that much to Michigan's economy.

It's a 12-month crusade, then an 11-week countdown to the "all-World championship". Bowl games become anticlimactic, as Schembechler once suggested—to his sorrow (Bowl sponsors burned).

Hayes and Schembechler (who played for Woody and later was on his OSU coaching staff) will come out with their big guns smokin' against Penn State and Notre Dame. They're very conscious of the National Championship, too. But beating each other in the "annual" Big 10 title showdown is a prize beyond. Also, you only get to the Rose Bowl by winning the league championship.

Notre Dame—like Penn State—has no league race. It must aim for the National Championship. Beating Michigan wouldn't guarantee that. After all, the Irish didn't ascend to No. 1 until their devastating upset of then-unbeaten Texas in the Cotton Bowl (38-10). But a win Sept. 23 would be, as a man once said in other circumstances, a giant step.

That 10th National Championship adds to the normal pressure on Notre Dame—expectations (or demands) of its fanatically-enthusiastic followers

are always high and so are upset intentions of all Irish opponents.

"We've got a heck of a challenge," admits Devine, who has finally stilled his critics (they surfaced in number when ND dropped an early-season decision to Mississippi).

National Champions rarely repeat anyway and even the reservoir of talent at South Bend may not be able to sufficiently repair the graduation havoc—three-time All-Americans Ken MacAfee and Ross Browner, '77 All-Americans Luther Bradley and Ernie Hughes, plus four others chosen in the NFL draft.

"We're awfully thin," contends Devine. "We're even training some people to go both ways (offense and defense)."

Also, the Irish schedule is beefed up. Former players and long-time school officials "tell me they can't remember when Notre Dame has had a tougher schedule," Devine relates. "We dropped Northwestern and took on Michigan—a cellar team for a champion."

But it isn't all bad by any means. Notre Dame could make a valliant bid to retain its big crown and should be a major Bowl candidate again, especially if it handles Michigan.

Devine's entire offensive backfield returns, including exciting field leader Joe Montana, 1000-yard rusher Jerome Heavens, Cotton Bowl MVP Vagas Ferguson and three line regulars, topped by strong All-America center prospect Dave Huffman. Last year's unit finished 5th in the NCAA, this one should be equally good.

The defense needs considerably more rebuilding—six regulars are gone, but it has All-America candidates in Bob Golic (linebacker) and Jim Browner (strong safety) and veterans ready to prove themselves in replacement spots.

Also, the Irish will enroll a freshman class that includes 10 scholastic All-Americans.

Schembechler came up with a line before last year's Rose Bowl that still applies. "We'll keep doing this until we get it right," he said. So, the Wolverines went out and lost their 4th straight in Pasadena (27-20 to Washington).

Whether he gets another chance this year to "do it right" is a 50-50 proposition. Michigan and Ohio State have been Big 10 co-champions for the last two years, five of the last six and six of 10. The Buckeyes have three outright crowns (two against Schembechler), the Wolverines one.

Another tie in the final standings is a logical prediction, but it's also a copout. So, I'll take Ohio State, for some rather nebulous reasons.

Both teams had about equal graduation damage; returning talent about balances out and, on paper, both freshman classes are talent heavy. The schedule favors neither. Both coaches are established winners—Hayes 198-57-9 at Ohio State, Schembechler 89-13-3 at Michigan. Their series is 4-4-1.

But Hayes has lost two in a row to Michigan and he's never lost three straight to any Big 10 team (the Buckeyes won the statistics last year, but squandered scoring opportunities—losing, 14-6). The odds favor a change.

Hayes is optimistic. "We're expecting to be up there at the top," he declares. "We figure to have a well-balanced football team. We've got a lot of good football players."

Replacing All-America (and 4th player taken in the NFL draft) Chris Ward is a problem for the offense, but Ron Springs, a 1200-yard rusher last year—and a definite All-America prospect after a spectacular spring practice, and nimble quarterback Rod Gerald head up a bristling backfield that will operate behind an improved line.

Hayes appears to have filled the five defensive spots around All-America linebacker Tom Cousineau, all-Big 10 Mike Guess (safety), Kelton Dansler (E), Byron Cato (T) and 2nd team all-Big 10 Paul Ross (E).

Also joining the Buckeyes will be the most heralded freshman in years, quarterback Art Schlichter.

Schembechler is coy about Michigan's prospects. "I don't have any idea," he contends, after a spring practice turned sour by injuries, recuperating surgery cases and absences for other spring sports. He confesses, "I have a suspicion everyone has a lot less people than they've had in the past—I mean PLAYERS."

That latter refers to the NCAA's 95-limit on scholarships (in force at one time), which in theory is supposed to diminish talent stockpiling by the major powers. Devine hints Notre Dame may be feeling the effect, fretting "I hope it doesn't dilute the quality of college football."

Hayes scoffs "we've never had 95 anyhow" and Minnesota's Cal Stoll sums it up best: "It depends on who your 95 are."

Schembechler lost All-America linemen Mark Donahue and Walt Downing and Mike Kenn, 13th player in the pro draft, on offense and six defensive regulars.

But no sympathy cards are in order. Schembechler returns his brilliant backfield intact—topped by all-time recordholder Rick Leach, who should be among top Heisman and All-America quarterback candidates, and all-Big 10 fullback Russell Davis. He also regains '76 all-Big 10 and pro prospect tackle Bill Dufek.

Defense is a Michigan trademark and this year's unit, though reconstructed, should follow tradition. Especially since it returns the school's record-setting tackler, junior linebacker Ron Simpkins.

As usual, the scramble behind the "Top Two" will be wide-open and wild. It may be safe to write out Wisconsin, Illinois and Northwestern.

Wisconsin, which suffered a relapse late last season is under new coach Dave McClain, but too thin. Illinois is still rebuilding under 2nd year coach Gary Moeller and Northwestern, with new coach Rick Venturi, has been last for two years and doesn't seem likely to rise.

Michigan State, playing tough defense again, nearly elbowed its way into the co-championship last year (half a game off). Darryl Rogers, playing one of the league's more wide-open offenses, has most of his offensive talent returning, including three-year quarterback Ed Smith, but lost key defenders. If

they're replaced, the Spartans will be a threat.

Lee Corso has put together two improving seasons at Indiana and the upsurge should continue. He adds tailback Mike Harkrader, only freshman ever to gain over 1000 yards in the Big 10 (out last year with injury) to a veteran offensive platoon and Joe Norman (linebacker) is an exceptional anchor for the well-established defensive unit.

Purdue has the league's top passer in Mark Herrmann, last year's freshman sensation, and Jim Young believes the Boilermaker rushing and defense have been upgraded. Herrmann had a good spring practice, including reducing interceptions. Purdue could move up a notch this fall.

Minnesota wound up in the new Hall of Fame Bowl, though 5th in the league standing, and lost to Maryland (17-7). Stoll has a solid offensive backfield, but some open spots in the line and lost a bundle of defensive experience—and excellence.

Iowa's Bob Commings echoes a familiar cry of the also-rans: "If we stay healthy." The Hawkeyes didn't last year and had a disappointing record. Commings has some excellent running backs, some big, strong linemen on offense and a super linebacker in Tom Rusk to bolster the defense.

The Mid-American Conference—still in the NCAA's Major Division—has another frantic scramble ahead. Defending champion Miami is an out-of-the-hat choice, but it could just as easily be Ball State, Central Michigan or Western Michigan.

New MAC coaches are Tom Reed, Miami; Dwight Wallace, Ball State; Mike Stock, Eastern Michigan, and Ron Blackledge, Kent State.

The Ohio Conference realigned its divisions, with much of the power concentrated in the Blue. But Wittenberg still looks best. Defending Champion Baldwin-Wallace is a heavy favorite in the Red.

A new league, the Mid-Continent, begins operation this year, involving Akron, Youngstown State, Northern Michigan, Northern Iowa and Eastern and Western Illinois. Not all are included in this year's preview. Next year, after the first league race.

The Mid-West abounds in possible All-America honors: Bob Golic, LB; Joe Montana, QB; Jerome Heavens, FB; Dave Huffman, C; Jim Browner, SS, Notre Dame; Ron Springs, TB; Tom Cousineau, LB; Kelton Dansler, E, Ohio State; Rick Leach, QB; Russell Davis, FB; Ron Simpkins, LB, Michigan; Joe Norman, LB, Indiana; John Sullivan, LB, Illinois; Tom Rusk, LB, Iowa; Tom Graves, DB, Michigan State; Jim Ronan, T, Minnesota; Jerome Persell, TB, Western Michigan; Jack Lazor, LB, Kent State; Jeff Groth, FL, Bowling Green; Rick Morrison, SE, Ball State.

Michigan again outdrew the nation with an attendance average of 104,203, an NCAA record, including 106,024 for the Ohio State finale (also a national record). Ohio State was its usual 2nd at 87,589 (capacity—plus). Wisconsin was 5th at 72,682 and Notre Dame played to capacity every home game, averaging 61,075.

Figures in parentheses are 1977 all-game and, league records.

LEGENDS: Y-Yards Gained; C-Pass Completions; R-Pass Receptions; T-Touchdowns.

BIG TEN

OHIO STATE (9-3, 7-1)—The street outside Ohio Stadium is still posted with "Do Not Pass" signs. But that may no longer apply inside the giant horseshoe.

Woody Hayes hasn't changed his philosophy—not after 27 years in which rushing has been a keystone of 198 Buckeye victories and certainly not when he confides, "I can't remember when we've had more good backs."

He's always been reticent to airborne a football when it could be much more safely toted. But an intriguing—and enviable—situation confronts the 65-year-old sideline patriarch this fall.

Rod Gerald, the three-term incumbent quarterback, is a dazzling, quick-footed runner on the option and scrambles. The 6-1, 174 Texan netted 446 yards last season.

Hayes has gained confidence in Gerald's passing, too, as reflected in his 114 attempts in '77 (The OSU team total was 97 the previous year). Gerald hit 67 for 1016 yards and continued his improvement in spring drills.

But reporting in this fall will be the most-heralded Buckeye freshman in years, 6-3, 195 quarterback Art Schlichter. This all-Ohio "Offensive Player of the Year" (both wire services) passed for over 3400 yards and 37 TD's in the last two years of a high school career that made him a national recruiting target.

When Schlichter signed an OSU tender, Hayes said he planned to open up the traditionally ground-bound attack and still does. "When he (Schlichter) is in there," he says, "we definitely will pass more. He is an exceptional passer."

But Hayes adds, "he can run, too." (Schlichter quarterbacked his high school basketball team to the state semi-finals).

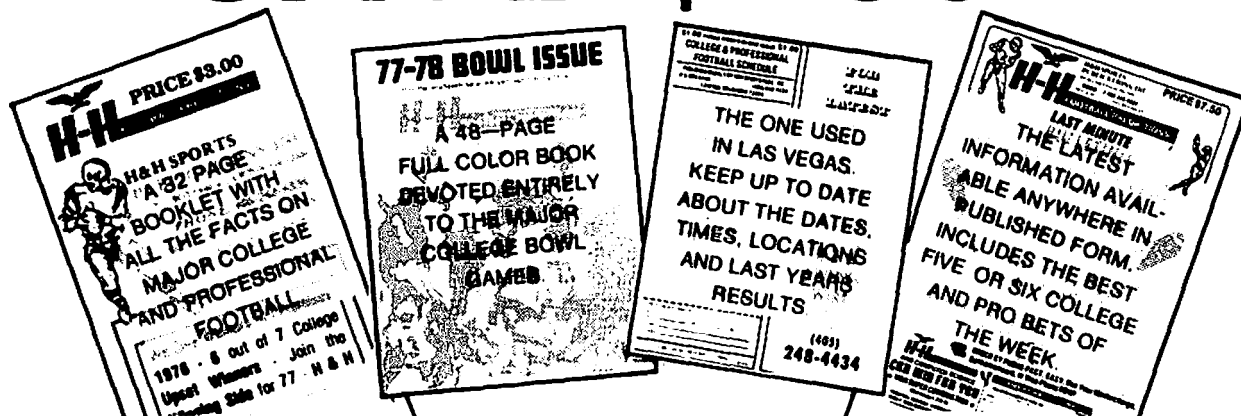
Speculation immediately had Gerald moving to split end to make room for the rookie "phenom." In fact, Gerald said publicly he'd be agreeable. But Hayes was emphatic after spring practice: "Rod Gerald is our quarterback. But, yes, we do figure to get help from the freshman."

Regardless, the Ohio State offense—No. 1 in the Big 10 last year with a 12-game 4815 yards and 343 points—should have a heavyweight 1-2 QB punch, rushing or passing.

Both wide receivers graduated, but Hayes has some exceptional targets for Gerald and Schlichter. Chuck Hunter (6-2, 217), a converted fullback, came on strong last season at split end and two all-Ohio backs, Doug Donley and Tyrone Hicks, had spectacular springs. Donley (6-1, 176) played briefly last year at flanker, Hicks (5-11, 170) is making a delayed debut (either SE or FL). Both were point-winning sprinters on the OSU track team last winter. Converted QB Al Taylor also figures.

All-Big 10 tight end Jimmy Moore (6-5, 246) is an awesome target, as are Bill Jaco (6-5, 248), who caught 10 for 109 yards last fall, and Ron Barwig (6-8, 242), an all-star held back by injury, but possibly a starter this fall. Hayes uses the two-TE formation part-time.

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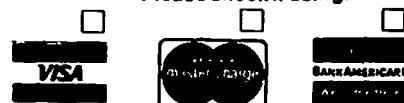
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Tops among the backs Hayes mentioned is 6-2, 196 Ron Springs, a swift, slashing runner who led the Big 10 last season with 1166 yards. "We expect him to have a big year," Hayes suggested. Springs' 235 yards rushing in the spring game added to that impression. He's definite All-America timber. He's backed by Ricky Johnson, a high-potential plagued by injuries, and soph Cal Murray, the standout of spring practice. Hicks also could be used at TB.

Hayes' favorite position, fullback, is deeply-stocked with juniors Paul Campbell (6-1, 212), Ric Volley (6-0, 206) and soph Joel Payton (6-2, 222). As a goal line and first down specialist last year, Payton scored 13 TD's—7th in the NCAA, but still ranks behind Campbell (457y) and Volley (248y).

Also making a bid is Cliff Belmer (6-1, 200), a high school All-America who missed last year after a serious motorcycle accident and incoming is freshman Harold Brown, an all-Ohioan last year.

The Buckeye line will miss All-America tackle Chris Ward, especially since neither top contender, sophs Keith Ferguson (6-5, 232) and Tim Brown (6-5, 274), played enough last year to letter. But both are promising and the problem would be eased considerably if Doug Mackie, No. 3 tackle for two years, should clear up his scholastic status.

Otherwise, Hayes is set. Joe Robinson (6-5, 256) became a first-rate tackle last season—pro scouts watch him; Kenny Fritz (6-3, 234) and Tim Vogler (6-3, 228) were excellent in their first starting years at guard and center respectively and '76 regular Jim Savoca (G, 6-2, 233) is completely recovered from a back operation. However, he wasn't able to unseat senior Ernie Andria (6-3, 238) in spring practice.

Defensive rebuilding is more demanding. Six starters return, but the grads include all-Americans Aaron Brown (MG), Ray Griffin (S) and MVP Dave Adkins (LB). But Hayes says confidently, "We'll have another good, strong defense." Last year's unit was 2nd in the NCAA (regular season) against scoring (85 points) and 7th overall.

It has a super anchor in 6-3, 227 linebacker Tom Cousineau (149 tackles), All-America as a junior and being compared to former OSU great Randy Gradishar. Also major factors are all-Big 10 Kelton Dansler (E, 6-2, 208) and Mike Guess (S), the league's punt return champ (12 for 122y), plus all-Big 10 2nd teamers Paul Ross (E, 6-1, 232) and Byron Cato (T, 6-2, 238).

Sixth holdover regular is halfback Lenny Mills, while Gary Dulin (6-4, 254) was a starter at the other tackle in late season.

Last year's highly-touted frosh, Todd Bell (state long-jump champion and all-Ohio football), moves in at cornerback, after lettering; another soph, sprinter Vince Skillings, will be the other halfback and converted tackle Mark Sullivan (6-4, 240) the middle guard, although pushed by last year's top rookie, Luther Henson (6-2, 238).

Alvin Washington (6-3, 230) earned first rating as Cousineau's linebacking partner last spring, but Tony Megaro (6-2, 224) gained attention with a lot of scrimmage tackles. Both are sophomores who played enough to letter.

Joe Hornik (6-3, 226), moved from end, provides

depth at tackle—where several big freshmen also should figure—and Ray Ellis, Brian Schwartz and Duncan Griffin are all experienced deep backs.

Ohio's kicking is solid, too, with returnees Vlade Janakievski (44 of 44 EXP's, 7 of 16 FG's), Dave McKee (35.2 punting average) and Tom Orosz, who kicks off, punts and placekicks and has what Hayes calls one of the strongest legs he's ever seen. Frosh Doug McEldowney comes with glowing credentials.

The redoubtable Hayes suffered his first 3-loss season in seven years in '77, but it isn't likely again in '78.

MICHIGAN (10-2, 7-1)—When 100,000-plus faithful flock to Michigan Stadium every home Saturday, it's up to the coach to give 'em something to cheer about.

Swashbuckling Bo Schembechler has done that for nine years—his teams have never been lower than 9th in the polls—and he'll make it 10. Especially since the fans get most steamed up over offense.

The 46-year-old Schembechler, two seasons past open heart surgery, frankly wouldn't trade his backfield for any this side of the NFL. It's justifiable. Consider four leaders of an offense that scored 353 points and gained 4364 yards:

Rick Leach, the poised, polished, competitive southpaw quarterback, has started every game since he arrived at Ann Arbor four years ago. This 6-1, 190 master leader with the big play proclivity already holds Michigan records for total offense (4584y), passing (3001y), TD passes (31), TD's scored (22) and TD's responsible for (53). Also, the Wolverines have won 28 games in the Leach command.

"He's very, very good, the best I've ever coached," attests Schembechler. "The two weeks he was with us in the spring (before joining the baseball team) he was sensational. He's going to have a big year."

Fullback Russell Davis, all-Big 10 as a junior, has already moved to 8th on Michigan's all-time rushing roster and tailback Harlan Huckleby, also a junior, to 10th. Last year, Davis, 6-1 and 220, blazed to 1192 yards and caught 15 passes for 174; Huckleby, 6-1 and 199 sprinter, had 743 yards rushing, despite missing three games with injury, and 12 receptions for 104 yards.

"Davis had a heckuva spring," notes Schembechler. "He's as good as anybody around—big, fast, runs, catches, passes, blocks. Huckleby had a heckuva spring, too."

Fourth member of the firm is Ralph Clayton, a 6-3, 211 junior with 9.8 speed who caught 24 passes for 477 last year at flanker. "A great athlete; he can do it all," claims Schembechler, "and he's improving all the time."

Depth is pretty impressive, too. John Wangler and B.J. Dickey are 1-2 behind Leach, as last year, but will have to battle frosh all-staters, Gary Lee and Jim Paciorek.

Stan Edwards, another all-stater who started once as a freshman last fall (226y), is a standout tailback—he may play considerable—and Schembechler's recruits include a 9.5 class sprinter, Harold Woolfolk (6-2, 190), also a TB. Roosevelt Smith (300y),

brilliant in two starts for Huckleby, is a question because of a knee problem, but would be a great addition, if mended.

Alan Mitchell (6-1, 176) is a "good athlete who will contribute" at flanker, the coach believes, and Lawrence Reid (6-1, 206) is a solid back-up for Davis.

Another strong position is tight end, where two-year regular Gene Johnson (6-3, 227), caught 13 passes for 187 yards last year—and had a noteworthy spring. He's backed by veteran Mark Schmerge (6-3, 229) and soph Doug Marsh.

Rod Feaster (6-2, 180), a high-rated frosh last year, but with little experience, is the leading split end prospect, with senior Ed Kasperek as back-up. A freshman may figure here.

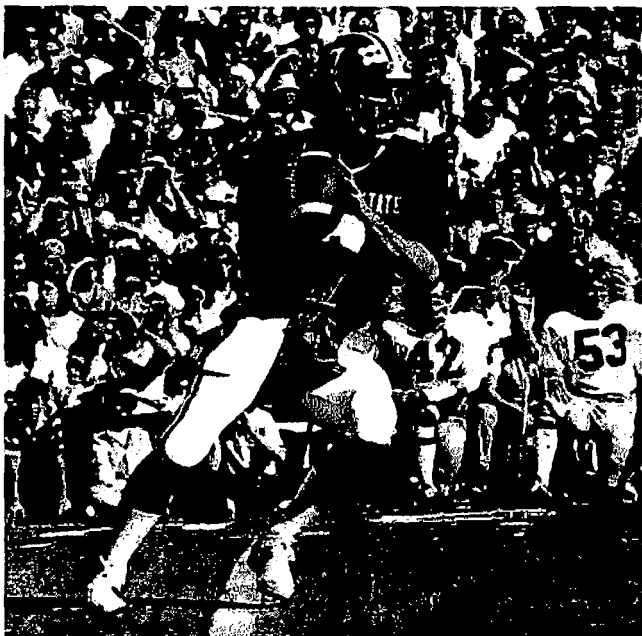
Schembechler lost All-America linemen Mark Donahue and Walt Downing, but regains Bill Dufek, 6-4, 263 all-Big 10 tackle who missed all last year with a broken leg. He was 100-percent in the spring, permitting the switch of John Powers (6-3, 261) to fill one guard spot ("He could be something special," Schembechler says of Powers, a junior).

John Geisler (6-4, 253) is back at the tackle opposite Dufek—who probably will be an All-America candidate. Mike Leoni (6-3, 255) and Dan Kwiatkowski (6-4, 235) are veteran reserves and Schembechler recruited three all-Ohio linemen—Ed Mursky (6-7, 275), Charles Rowland (6-6, 270) and Mark Warth (6-6, 245).

KIRK GIBSON, standout flanker for Michigan State, made 22 catches for 531 yards, six touchdowns in 1977 to spark air game.



ED SMITH is back for his third year as Michigan State quarterback after hitting 277 passes for 11 TDs, 1731 yards in 1977.



Senior Greg Bartnick (6-2, 233) will be the other guard, with John Arbezniak (6-3, 237), part-time starter last year, and converted tackle Rock Lindsay (6-2, 235) as strong help.

George Lilja (6-4, 250), who missed last year with an injury, should be a top-notch center, with challenge from Steve Nauta (6-2, 229), if he recovers from spring knee surgery, and soph John Prepolec (6-4, 240) in reserve.

Michigan's defense ranked 4th in the NCAA in scoring prevention (97 points), but didn't enjoy its usual place among leaders in other categories. From that unit (No. 2 in the Big 10), Schembechler loses six regulars. But Michigan is always sound and strong on defense—it has a big play knack—and the tradition seems safe this year.

Heart of any defense is the middle linebackers and the Wolves have them. Ron Simpkins (6-1, 221) set a school record for tackles as a sophomore last year (174), recovered five fumbles and blocked a punt. He'll command noticed by All-America voters. His partner, Jerry Meter (6-3, 206), was 2nd in tackles (104). Junior Mel Owens (6-2, 222) is an experienced backup and sophs Andy Cannavino and Rick Jones further the depth.

Dale Keitz (6-1, 240) and Curt Greer (6-4, 237) are holdover tackles, but Keitz played some middle guard last spring and may this fall. Soph Mike Trgovac (6-2, 220), is a likely starter.

If Keitz is at MG, veteran Chris Godfrey (6-4, 239) will be the other tackle, backed by Dave Nicolau (6-4, 235) and Gary Weber (6-2, 241).

Seniors Bob Holloway (6-2, 209) and Mark DeSantis moved up at outside linebacker last spring, with Tom Seabron (6-3, 208) as No. 3 and sophs Jeff Jackson (6-7, 228), Oliver Johnson (6-3, 201) and Ben Needham (6-5, 215) promising depth.

Mike Jolley (6-3, 178), only starter available in the secondary, had an outstanding spring. He'll be teamed with Gene Bell (Wolf), Mike Harden (SS) and either Stu Harris or Mike Braman. All are lettermen. Gerald Diggs is converting from offense and will figure.

Greg Willner takes good care of the placekicking (42 of 44 EXP's, 3 of 12 FG's), but Michigan must find a punter.

MICHIGAN STATE (7-3-1, 6-1-1)—Darryl Rogers, imported from California in the wake of MSU's recruiting troubles, went a long way toward establishing himself in East Lansing—and the Big 10—in his second season.

From a floundering 9th in '76, Rogers' Spartans jumped to within half a game of co-champion Michigan and Ohio State—the difference being a 13-13 tie with Indiana. They also won their last five starts.

"But," confesses the 42-year-old Rogers, "if the defense doesn't come through, we may be down around 6-7th again."

Therein lies the problem of matching, or improving on last year's unexpectedly high finish. To be replaced are six defenders who helped MSU to 4th in the Big 10 overall and 3rd in score prevention (162 points yielded in 11 games).

"Offensively, we should be as good, or better," Rogers believes, mainly because seven top regulars return from a unit that posted 260 points and 4045 yards—3rd in the conference—plus a talented '76 starter.

Foremost holdover is Ed Smith, a quick-handed, quick-footed 5th year man who has passed for 3480 yards and 20 TD's in two full seasons as Spartan quarterback. Even if he does owe yards in rushing, the 6-0, 171 Smith is among the Big 10's best offensive weapons.

"It's always nice to have a quarterback who has played for you for two years," suggests Rogers. Both he and Smith like having Kirk Gibson, Eugene Byrd and Mark Brammer back, too.

Gibson, a long-range threat at 6-2, 212, starts his fourth year at split end (22r, 531y), Brammer (6-4, 225) is a pro prospect tight end set for a 3rd year (27r, 385y) and Byrd (6-0, 170), MSU's No. 2 receiver in '76, returns at flanker after an injury year. Samson Howard had a good spring at flanker.

Leroy McGee, a hard-running 6-1, 195 JC grad, led the Spartans in rushing last year (720y) and figured in the air game (10r, 90y). He should be a Big 10 standout.

Backup Alex Middleton (233y) takes over a full-back, giving Rogers a strong backfield. Depth will also be a factor, because last year's touted freshmen, Steve Smith (265y) and Bruce Reeves (266y), had impressive spring drills at TB, as did Mike Hans and Andy Schramm at FB and 6-4, 205 Bert Vaughn at QB.

Michigan State's offensive interior lost two-year all-Big 10 center Al Pitts, but returns regulars Jim Hinsley (6-3, 244) at tackle and Mike Densmore (6-3, 249) and Rod Strata (6-2, 240) at guard.

Competition is still on for the other tackle between seniors Regis McQuaide (6-6, 256), Craig Lonce (6-3, 244) and Ed Stanton (6-3, 235), and at center between juniors Rick Audas (6-2, 239), last year's backup, and Matt Foster (6-3, 200) and soph Joe Jacquemain (6-4, 213).

That platoon is well-fortified with experience and proven talent, but it's not quite so on defense.

The backfield is an exception. Pro prospect Tom Graves (6-4, 212), another 5th year man, is back at strong safety, Mark Anderson at free safety and Jerome Stanton at one corner. Mike Marshall, who missed last year with a broken leg (in '77 spring practice), has mended and will be a high-rated replacement at the other corner.

Additionally, Jim Burroughs, Ben Williams, Al Davis and Terry Williams are experienced reserves.

Dan Bass (6-1, 217), last year's leading tackler (134), will resume at inside linebacker, but the other three spots will be filled from the ranks. After spring tests, Mike Decker (6-1, 230) was Bass' partner inside and Larry Savage (6-3, 213) and John McCormick (6-2, 205) had taken the outside spots.

Rogers also recruited five freshmen LB's who could help, notably all-staters Steve Blank and Steve Maidlow.

Angelo Fields (6-6, 293), starter last year until injured early, and Mel Land (6-3, 237), also back from injury, will be the tackles and sophomore Ber-

nard Hay (6-2, 235) at middle guard. Freshmen Pat Mitten, Bruce Williams and Californian Ben Baca are counted on for help.

Rogers has the Big 10's leading punter in Ray Stachowicz (38.8 av), but will depend on two other heralded frosh, Rich Schario and Denmark import Morten Andersen, for place-kicking.

Incidentally, another candidate (OLB) is 6-7, 240 Tanya Webb, who played two years of basketball at MSU, transferred to a junior college and is now back to try his luck at football. A JC teammate, 6-5, 245 Dave Whittle, also is a prospect (G).

Unless the defense falters, the Michigan State program is through the worst. Its three-year probation by the NCAA ends after 1978, thereby returning it to the Rose Bowl sweepstakes. That undoubtedly helped Rogers' recruiting success last winter ("better than some people think," he notes).

The young Spartans (12 seniors on the squad) have a killing early schedule stretch against Southern Cal (at LA), Notre Dame and Michigan (at Ann Arbor), but don't play Ohio State—an advantage.

INDIANA—(5-5-1, 4-3-1)—Flamboyant Lee Corso is still making with the jokes, but rivals are taking his teams more seriously. The trend should continue.

"We're the only team in the Big 10 that's been in the top four for the last two years—except Ohio State and Michigan," points out the 6th-term Hoosier hurricane.

SCOTT ARNETT, Indiana quarterback, completed 73 passes for 796 yards in 1977 and rushed for 401 yards, 4th best on team.



DARRICK BURNETT, 5-11 Indiana tailback, gained 784 yards on 157 carries last year and will carry a heavier load in 1978.



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That may not be an awe inspiring statistic, but it is true. Indiana has tied for 3rd and been undisputed 4th. Further, it has won 10 games—eight in the Big 10—compared to a total of five for Corso's first three years (one league win and a tie over the same period).

"We're getting better," attested the 41-year-old Corso, "We've proved we can win with a continuity. We'll be a better football team this fall, too."

Indiana returns seven regulars from an offensive unit that ranked 4th in the Conference and a like number on defense, 7th in the league.

But the real strength is the attacking unit, spear-headed by 3rd-year quarterback Scott Arnett and bolstered by the return of 1000-yard rusher, Mark Harkrader.

"Our backfield talent—if it comes through academically and physically—is as good as any in the Conference two deep, including the two bigs," Corso claims—with some justification.

The 6-3, 196 Arnett is solid in all phases, including the vital field leadership. Last year, he turned 73 completions into 796 yards and was the team's 4th rusher (401y net). "He'll do whatever it takes to beat the other team—pass, run, hand off" is Corso's evaluation.

Harkrader, first Big 10 freshman ever to rush over 1000 yards (1003) in 1976, underwent knee surgery prior to last season and also sat out spring practice. He's expected to be full speed and full strength by fall, which would give Corso his best-yet alternating tailback combination.

Sharing the job last year, Darrick Burnett and graduated Rick Enis produced 1752 of the team's 2915 rushing yards. The 5-11, 190 Burnett may be slightly swifter than the 5-8, 178 Harkrader, but both are breakaway runners who can also break tackles. It's an exciting 1-2 punch.

Tony D'Orazio (6-0, 203) is the holdover fullback, an efficient blocker and rusher (491y), but will be challenged by soph Lonnie Johnson (6-1, 196). Johnson, who can also play TB, was the outstanding back in Indiana's spring game.

Soph Tim Clifford backs up Arnett and two other second-year players, speedy Al Derring and Jerry Bowers, plus heralded frosh Glenn Brooks, represent strong TB depth.

Both wide receiving spots must be filled, but Corso believes he has five capables, topped by last year's SE back-up, Mark Fishel, and JC All-America Mike Friede (6-4, 195), who stood out in the spring.

Sophs Ron Penick and erstwhile track hurdler Naté Lundy are the flanker candidates, along with the coach's son, Steve Corso. Fishel has started, but the others are inexperienced.

Dave Harangody (6-4, 232) returns at tight end (8r, 97y), where Corso believes "he'll be all-Big 10."

Starters Doug Peacock (T, 6-4, 245), Jeff Phipps (G, 6-2, 216) and Mark Heidel (C, 6-2, 225) solidify the right side of the line and soph Gerard Ahting (6-5, 248) and reserve Terry Colby (6-1, 220) moved in smoothly at the open left side spots last spring.

Backups Jim Wallace (C), Sam McGee (G), Mike Cross (G) and Dan Powers (TE) return, but tackle is dangerously thin.

Indiana's defense, which gave up 228 points and

3602 yards last fall, should be improved with return of '76 regular ends Carl Smith (5-11, 225) and Greg McIntosh (6-3, 205) and development of JC transfer Randy Willhite (6-2, 225).

George Doehla (6-3, 216) and Paul Yarian (6-2, 222), who started last year after Smith and McIntosh exited with knee surgery, are back to make end an impressive position.

Joe Norman (6-1, 212) and Doug Sybert (6-2, 208) resume at linebacker, where they accumulated 119 and 101 tackles respectively. Corso rates Norman "the best in the league" and he's definitely among the best. Aaron Arbuckle and Mark Ramsey are solid reserve.

Corso explains "we play six interior linemen and alternate them." He admits the ranks aren't as deep as he'd like, but believes the quantity will get the job done.

Al Leake (T, 6-3, 242) is the lone '76 regular. Willhite had a "great spring"—in Corso's estimation—and soph Terry Tallon (6-1, 232) was much improved. Lettermen Brent Tisdale, Dave Stewart, John Dailey and Mel Patton all can figure in the 6-man rotation.

Half the defensive backfield returns in Dave Abrams (CB) and Dale Keneipp (FS). Four reserves—John Swinehart, Nick Barnes, Chuck Alexander and Ron Hodge—put in bids last spring, but one of the halfback jobs may go to a freshman (Corso calls them "draft choices"), Tim Wilbur.

David Freud, 5-6, 147 Israeli Army veteran who kicked 10 of 14 field goals and 25 of 25 EXP's, has been granted another year of eligibility, but the punter will be new—probably touted JC grad Larry Lovett (from Point Blank, Texas).

Corso, who has endeared himself by twice beating Indiana's arch-rival, Purdue, gets one break: He doesn't have to play Michigan. But he'll need that, after opening with Bowl teams LSU, Washington and Nebraska.

PURDUE (5-6, 3-5)—You're a first-year coach in the Big 10, schooled in conservatism under Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler.

But you change your offense during fall practice to fit a freshman quarterback.

That's the dramatic gamble Jim Young elected last fall. It paid off richly then, but should reap greater dividends this fall.

Mark Herrmann was not an average freshman quarterback. He was a super. The 6-5, 180-pound rookie tore up the league, finishing 2nd in the NCAA in passing and 4th in total offense; tops in the Big 10 in both departments.

Backing natural abilities with remarkable poise for an 18-year-old, Herrmann turned 175 completions (in 319 throws) into 2453 yards and 18 TD's. Even with Purdue's history of pass-master QB's, he established three records and just fell short in four other categories.

It wasn't all glory. Ohio State and Michigan put a damper on Herrmann (a lot of seniors have had the same problem). Also, 27 passes wound up in enemy hands.

But that learning experience must be an asset for

Herrmann in '78. Judged by spring practice, he should be the single most potent weapon in the Conference.

"Mark had a good spring," Young decided. "He's matured. He's 10 pounds stronger—up to 190, and he worked very hard at cutting down on interceptions. He did improve."

Herrmann's leading receiver graduated, but Young "feels good about the receiving situation." Long-range threat Ray Smith (38r, 565y) has been switched to split end and a touted JC transfer, Mike Harris, installed at flanker. Harris (6-1, 175) was a standout in the spring.

Dave Young (6-5, 215) became a starter at tight end as a freshman last fall (28r, 378) and should be one of the best in the league. He has enough speed to be an SE, giving Herrmann three catchers with long-yardage potential.

Obviously, the Boilermakers are still going to travel frequently by air (350 attempts for 2631y last year), but Young says "I don't think we can succeed unless we get better running."

Unless a freshman develops quickly (maybe Wallace Jones), rushing will depend on Bob Williams, starter late in '77 as a freshman (362y), and early-season starter Russ Pope (132y) at tailback and red-shirt Mike Augustyniak (6-1, 211) and backup John Macon at fullback.

Young classes "all four relatively equal," but none of the four has yet shown game-breaking ability Augustyniak led rushers in the spring game, with Pope second.

A veteran line also should help Purdue's running (only 1426y and 8 TD's in '77).

Dale Schwan (G, 6-4, 239) and Pete Quinn (C, 6-1, 239) resume their '77 stations, but starters John LeFeber and Steve McKenzie switch places. LeFeber slimmed from 260 to 235 and went to guard, McKenzie built up to 252 and went to tackle. Both benefitted.

Young's development permits Tim Eubank (6-7, 242) to switch to tackle, where he will battle soph Henry Feil (6-4, 249). Lettermen Chuck Skelly (T), Steve Kroll (G) and Greg Palumbo (G) will be first replacements.

Another Purdue asset is exceptional depth at QB, with sophs Chuck Oliver and Chris Gerbert. They might get a call if Young decides on different offensive tactics. He admits "we will not run a lot of option with Herrmann."

Another spring priority was defense, 8th in the Big 10 (247 pts, 3631y yielded). "Our defense should be better," Young concluded. "The line improved quite a bit with experience and we have much better depth there. Hopefully the offense won't put the defense in the hole as much with turnovers (42)."

Six starters will be holdovers:

Keena Turner (E, 6-2, 201) is perhaps the Boilers best defender—an exceptionally-quick player—and Reuben Floyd (6-1, 203), strong in spring drills, will be at the other flank.

Tackles Marcus Jackson (6-4, 258) and Calvin Clark (6-4, 240) were solid last year and are backed by part-time starter Jeff Senica (6-3, 231). Ken



MARK HERRMANN, 19-year-old Purdue QB, is poised and multi-talented.



STEVE McKENZIE goes from guard to tackle for Purdue's offensive unit.

Loushin (6-2, 243) a tackle starter until hurt, moved in at MG last spring and was outstanding. Steve Schlundt (6-3, 227), early-season starting C, switched to MG and showed promise.

Kevin Motts (6-1, 219) will be among the Big 10's better linebackers (153 tackles), but his partner will be new—either juniors Mike Marks (6-1, 214) or Mark Johanson (6-1, 212). They split spring time on the first unit.

Willie Harris (FS) and Rock Supan (SS) are '77 regulars and Bill Moss (CB) started part-time. Wayne Smith switches from offense to take the other CB job, becoming the fastest of the secondary.

Kicker Scott Sovereign (26/27 EXP's, 11/19 FG) and punter Dave Eagin also are back.

Young will be glad for 38 lettermen and 14 starters. Purdue faces Michigan State, Notre Dame and Ohio State in its first five weeks.

MINNESOTA (7-5, 4-4)—Although his 1977 team finished 5th in the league, Cal Stoll enjoyed a couple votes of confidence: His contract was extended two years—through 1980—and the Gophers were invited to a Bowl for the first time since 1962.

Admittedly it was a new Bowl—the Hall of Fame in Birmingham—and certainly not a "major". Besides, Minnesota lost (to Maryland, 17-7). But Stoll still matched his best record in six at Minneapolis (7-4 regular season) and counted Michigan, Washington and UCLA among victims.

Even with 13 regulars back, Stoll fears for a repeat, or upgrade.

"I don't see how we can be quite as good as last year," he frankly admits, "because we've got too many holes to fill on defense and an offensive line to rebuild."

Minnesota's defense ranked 6th in the Big 10 last year, but 4th against scoring, yielding only 170 points—and Ohio State and Indiana accounted for 38 and 34 respectively. It shut out Michigan in the league's upset of the season (16-0).

It says something about the offense that Paul Rogind's field goal provided the margin in four wins last fall. In the Big 10, the Gophers ranked 9th and scored only 171 points in 12 games—69 of them by Rogind.

"We have a chance to be better on offense," suggests Stoll, starting his 10th year as a college head coach. "It depends on how quickly we mature. We're going to be a young team, sophomores and juniors—maybe no more than two seniors on the first unit."

The entire backfield is available, headed by the durability champion Kent Kitzmann. This 6-2, 204 junior hurled himself into the Illinois defense 57 times—Big 10 and NCAA record—for 266 yards, including 13 straight carries—another Big 10 and NCAA high.

Kitzmann (647y) is backed by Jeff Thompson (279y), part-time starter last fall, and speedster Gary White (253y). Stoll is thus set at fullback. The same is true at tailback, where 6-2, 200 power runner Marion Barber (582y) and Roy Artis (179y) are challenged by JC transfer (and redshirt) Glen Lewis. The Gophers can be very strong at running.

Both quarterbacks, Wendell Avery, the usual starter, and Mark Carlson, leader of the Michigan upset, return, but it's possible Mark Tonn, a big transfer (6-5, 215) and a fine passer, or redshirt Greg Pylatuik might take over. Both were injured last season.

Avery is a good runner (260y), but hasn't passed effectively (33c, 461y), while Carlson is primarily a passer (14c, 179y). The Gophers have receivers. Jeff Anhorn returns at split end (16r, 217y), Steve Breault, starter at flanker, plus backup specialist Elmer Bailey (15r, 250y) and redshirt Ray Dilulo, and Glenn Bourquin (6-3, 226) is a first-rate tight end.

Marty Stein (T, 6-3, 250) is the lone line holdover, although Pat Paquette (6-4, 254) and Darrell Schwen (6-4, 232) have started at times (G's). Ken Wypysznski (6-5, 237) switched from end to center in the spring and looked outstanding.

The other starter (T) probably will be Greg Murtha (6-6, 249), a non-lettering senior. Steve Tobin, letterman at TE in '76, could figure in the interior line.

Stoll's offense will need to be improved, because the defense lost a bundle of experience—four three-year starters, including both linebackers.

The secondary is well-fortified with regulars Keith Brown (SS), Ken Foxworth (CB) and Keith Edwards (FS). Brian Synder, early-season starter, moves to the other corner.

Rogind, a defensive back, will concentrate on kicking—where he hit a school and Big 10 record of 18 FG's (of 26) and converted on 14 of 14 EXP's.

Jim Ronan (T, 6-5, 249) should be an all-Big 10

candidate. "He might be the best in the country," says Stoll and many pro scouts do like his potential.

Doug Friberg (MG, 6-3, 224) also rates high and Stan Sytsma (E, 6-3, 222) had more tackles than any Gopher returnee (67). Both started last year. Jeff Carr and '76 letterman John Kuduk lend good depth at MG.

Alan Blanshan (6-6, 234), backup to Ronan, will move to the other tackle; 1976 letterman Steve Cunningham (6-6, 234) and non-lettering Tom Murphy (6-3, 215) will vie at the other end and lettermen Ed Burns (6-1, 216) and Don Meyer (6-2, 219) are most likely at the worrisome linebacker posts, with non-letterman Jack Johnson (6-1, 215) a possibility.

Stoll will have a chance to get his troops organized against Toledo University in the opener, but the next three Saturdays bring Ohio State, UCLA and Washington.

IOWA—(4-7, 3-5). Bob Commings, a balding 45, isn't easily daunted. He proved that by playing full-time guard in the Big 10 at a mere 173 pounds.

Five years ago, he came out of football hotbed Massillon (Ohio) to try his luck at restoring his alma mater to the glory it had known in his playing days under Forrest Evashevski. He inherited an 0-11 squad.

Commings improved the Hawkeyes his first three years, but '77 was a disappointment. He staunchly maintains, going into this fall, that "we're a little better football team than we've been. All we want is an even break on injuries and we're going to be good."

One reason for optimism is "we're a little deeper than we were." He returns 34 of last year's top 44 players, including seven offensive and seven defensive starters.

Also, Commings claims "we recruited the fastest freshman team we've ever had."

One major question faces the offense, which was 7th in the Big 10 last year—replacing QB Tom McLaughlin.

Heir apparent is Bobby Commings, the coach's sophomore son who led the Hawks to a big win over arch-rival Iowa State last fall. The 6-1, 190-pounder also started two other games (21c, 199y), but wasn't able to nail down the job against sophomores Jeff Green and Pete Gales and senior Doug Piro in spring drills.

"Quarterback is still up in the air," confesses coach Commings. Piro saw limited game action the last two years and Green very briefly last fall. Gales came to Iowa with lavish credentials.

If one of the four takes charge and delivers and Dennis Mosley stays healthy, Iowa should improve its attack and its standing.

Mosley, a 5-9, 175 junior tailback with breakaway speed, missed half last season with injuries (327y), but Commings feels "he's ready for stardom. When he was with us, we were pretty good offensively."

His replacements, Tom Renn and Rod Morton (259y), are back, although Renn is an uncertainty because of a spring injury.

Fullback Jon Lazar (6-1, 210) has been Iowa's leading groundgainer for two years (411y in '77)



TOM RUSK registered 105 solo tackles in 1977 to establish Hawkeye record.

JON LAZAR, Hawkeyes' fullback, paced team in rushing past two seasons.

and was its No. 2 receiver last year (19r, 225y). This steady senior will be backed by a freshman, Ken Burke (6-3, 200), who, Commings predicts "will make his presence known somewhere along the way."

Wingback Jimmy Frazier (12r, 196y) is the third backfield regular available. The speedy sophomore underwent a knee operation, but is expected to be ready this fall. His backup, Jesse Cook, is back.

Ready to provide first-rate receiving are split end Mike Brady (26r, 357y), his understudy, Brad Reed (8r, 151y), and 6-4, 235 tight end Jim Swift (11r, 211y)—plus Lazar, Frazier and Cook. Swift, a junior, can become an outstanding Big 10 end.

The Hawkeyes' offensive line lists only two hold-over starters, guard Mike Mayer (6-2, 241) and tackle Sam Palladino (6-2, 255), both very solid workmen.

Top player in spring drills proved to be Jay Hilgenberg (6-3, 235), a sophomore who apparently will solve the center replacement need. The graduated center was Jim Hilgenberg, Jay's brother.

Another improved sophomore was Matt Petrzela (6-6, 240), who probably will be the other tackle, while Greg Gilbaugh (6-4, 240) will move up at the other guard, backed by Lemuel Grayson (6-3, 217) and converted tackle Joe Willis (6-3, 266).

The offensive line will be bigger than the defensive front, but the latter is one strength of a unit ranked fifth in the Big 10 last year.

Tackle John Harty (6-6, 260) made 2nd team all-Big 10 last year as a freshman and seems destined to be a pro prize in a few more years. Commings rates end Steve Vazquez (6-2, 235) one of the "most underrated players" in the league. Darrell Hobbs (6-6, 249) at end and Mark Mahmens (6-2, 245) at tackle are also second-year regulars.

Tom Rusk (6-2, 232) is an all-America candidate at linebacker, another Iowa strength. He was unanimous all-Big 10 last year, after setting a school

record of 105 solo tackles (138 total).

While Rusk's partners have graduated, Commings has excellent replacements in Leven Weiss (6-3, 205) and Jim Molini (6-4, 225), as well as solid reserve in Jim Gutschall (5-11, 204) and soph Brian Skradis (6-1, 205).

Steve Wagner (E, 6-3, 230) and Joe Hufford (6-2, 238) and Doug Benschoter (T's, 6-3, 256) are experienced backups.

The backfield returns two regulars, Dave Becker and Cedric Shaw, and fills the open spots with veterans Chuck Danzy and Mario Pace.

Iowa punter Dave Holsclaw (35.8 av.) was pressed into service as a kicker and respond with 12 of 14 EXP's and 9 of 16 FG's, so Commings has no worries in that department.

WISCONSIN (5-6, 3-6)—Thirty-nine-year-old Dave McClain gets his chance to bring the Badger's on-field performance up to the level of the "gate" success.

Home attendance last year was the 2nd-best ever (436,093 and 72,682 av.), but, an 0-6 finish, after a 5-0 start, brought a new staff to Madison. Unfortunately, too many of the same troubles remain.

"Depth will be a big problem," decides McClain, 26-7 in his last three seasons at Ball State, "and speed will be our biggest question mark."

He realizes the importance of those two ingredients in the Big 10. He coached for two years under Woody Hayes at Ohio State, where both speed and depth worked to the Buckeyes' advantage.

McClain also appreciates the importance of defense—in any level of football—and his most encouraging impression after spring drills was that "our defense looks real solid."

The Badgers were 3rd in the Conference last season (200 points and 2943y yield) and return nine regulars, including 2nd team all-Big 10 Tom Schremp (T, 6-3, 235) and Dave Crossen (LB, 6-2, 210).

Also back in the line are Dave Ahrens (E, 6-3, 206), Bruce Woodford (T, 6-2, 251) and Dan Relich (MG, 5-10, 210). Soph Mark Sawicki (6-0, 200) moved ahead of reserves Curt Blaskowski and Mike Burt at the open end position last spring.

Crossen, who led Wisconsin tacklers with 175, will pair with Dennis Christensen (6-1, 226), a transfer from Kansas State who had an outstanding spring. Kurt Holm is also in the picture.

The secondary returns four regulars, but has been shuffled. Lawrence Johnson, one of the Big 10's top sprinters, stays at one corner, but hard-tackling Greg Gordon moves to safety and Scott Erdmann to monster. Soph Ross Anderson edged ahead of Dan Schieble at the other corner in spring drills.

McClain can only hope the defense stays healthy and holds, because the offense presents a major rebuilding challenge. Wisconsin failed to score in three of its last six games and scored a lone TD in each of the other three.

From that unit, the entire backfield departed, along with both tackles. "We're really hurting for backfield depth," McClain concedes.

Charles Green, a 6-1, 207 senior, had a good spring at quarterback and emerged a definite No. 1. He

started three games last year, showing 34 completions for 408 yards. Junior Jeff Buss, surprise stand-out of the spring game, could challenge Green, as could freshmen John Josten and Scott Moechl as the season progresses.

Ira Matthews, a flanker for three years, takes over at tailback and last year's backup Tom Stauss moves to fullback. That gives McClain his best speed. Though chiefly a receiver (10r, 147y), Matthews was Wisconsin's No. 2 rusher last year (351y). Stauss, a small FB at 5-11, 184, runs a 4.6.

Kevin Cohee (204y) will back up Matthews and Tim Halleran (207y) is available at FB. Freshmen are counted on for help.

Receiving should be strong. Wayne Souza converted successfully from defense to flanker last spring, while sophomore Mike Krepfle (6-2, 198) was the pleasant surprise at TE. He edged ahead of incumbent starter Greg Barber (6-3, 217, 10r, 116y). Tom Braker also attracted attention at FL.

But the chief threat will be David Charles, a 6-2, 185 senior who caught 29 for 437 yards last fall and rated 2nd team all-Big 10 SE for a second straight year.

Jim Moore (C, 6-4, 235) is a solid anchor of the line, along with Brad Jackomino (G, 5-10, 219) and Dave Krall (6-4, 239). The latter has been moved from guard to tackle and letterman Ray Snell from tackle to guard. Henry Addy (6-5, 260), a senior letterman, earned the other tackle job in spring practice.

Pat Kelly (G), John Wagner (G) and Jim McCoy (C) are other lettermen.

Steve Veith, last year's leading scorer with 12 of 13 EXP's and nine FG's, returns, but McClain must develop a punter.

The schedule could hardly be kinder to a new coach and staff (only two had previous Big 10 experience) installing a new system and with considerable rebuilding.

Richmond, Northwestern and Oregon fill the first three dates, but mid-season will be tougher—Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State in a row.

ILLINOIS (3-8, 2-6)—Gary Moeller's first season as a head coach had to be a shock.

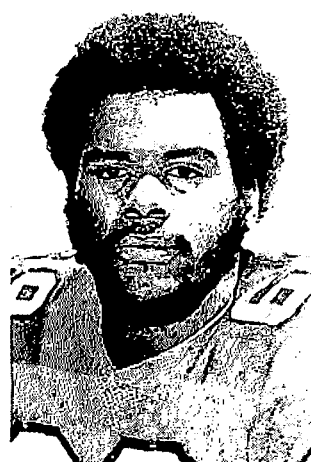
He'd never been associated with a losing team, player or coach, high school or college, and he'd been boss of Michigan defensive units that usually led the Big 10 and ranked high nationally.

Not only did the Illini fall short of .500 won-lost, but they ranked 10th in the league in defense—not to mention 10th in overall offense (Tied for 8th in scoring, 9th in points yielded).

Moeller is convinced this year will be happier, because "our football team will be better coordinated, much more aggressive and understand much more what we're trying to do. We'll also be better because of more movement and we'll be a little stronger physically."

How much better is the question. Defensively, Moeller expects marked improvement, noting "We played a lot of young people last year and it was a learning process." Nine starters return.

However, the offense has been rebuilt—with only



JOHN SULLIVAN, left, Illinois linebacker, made 204 tackles in '77. (DE) BRUCE THORNTON also was bulwark.

one backfield and one line starter. The rushing potential is suspect, quarterbacking unproven, if promising.

Rich Weiss (6-1, 205) enrolled at Illinois as the state's top high school quarterback (over 1000 yards passing and over 1000 yards rushing as a senior), but missed all last season with an injury. He could become a standout, judged by spring drills. JC transfer Lawrence McCullough and soph Tom McAvoy back up Weiss.

Moeller is set at fullback with Wayne Strader (6-3, 212) and Charles Weber (6-2, 198). Weber started last year (369y), but Strader (348y) moved ahead in the spring. Both will play—maybe a great deal, because the 1-2 tailbacks were lost.

Reserve senior Vince Carter (116y) was No. 1 in the spring, with soph Greg Foster (6-2, 204) and swift JC transfer Larry Powell close.

The receiving corps is a strength, with wingback Tom Schooley (15r, 231y), split end Eric Rouse (10r, 119y) and tight end Lee Boeke (11r, 109y) returning. Mike Sherrod (6-6, 220) is back after an injury year, not only strengthening tight end, but allowing giant (6-6, 267) Tim Norman to move to tackle.

Seniors, Mike Priebe (6-4, 248) will be the other tackle, with excellent backing in Tom Kolloff (6-3, 246), Dan Melsek (6-6, 246), back from knee surgery, and JC grad John Glinski (6-5, 265). Soph Rich Antonacci (6-3, 246) moved up at one guard, with Bob McClure (6-1, 223), Dan Westerlind (6-2, 211) and Bob Noelke (6-3, 234) contesting at the other.

The Illini have a first-rate center in regular Randy Taylor (6-3, 245).

Moeller's defense revolves around a bona-fide All-America candidate, John Sullivan (6-3, 222), a linebacker who logged 202 tackles last year. His partner, John Meyer (6-3, 205), had 119 stops, making this an Illini strength area.

John Scott (6-3, 211) and Earnest Adams (6-3, 195) will be back at outside linebacker, with Jim Kogut (6-4, 232) and the Big 10's tackle-for-loss leader Bruce Thornton (6-6, 266) at tackle. Stan Ralph (6-2, 233) will be at middle guard, after sitting out with knee surgery, which is another plus.

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Oct. 16	3,300	8 - 3	1,410	8,350
Oct. 23	3,600	8 - 4	1,080	9,430
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Three of the four deep backs, David Blakely, Dale Hardy and Derwin Tucker, will resume their usual place. Hardy was third in tackles with 112 last year. Reserves Carooq Taylor and Dave Kelly, along with JC transfer Tim Holt, could fill the open job.

Dave Finzer averaged 37.3 yards as a freshman punter last year, good for 5th in the Big 10, and hit 7 of 13 EXP's and 6 of 11 FG's.

Moeller gets one break this year. He won't open against Michigan as last year (37-9). Northwestern will be at Champaign Sept. 9. The Illini and Wildcats tired of going head-to-head with the televised Ohio State-Michigan season finales and switched their traditional battle to a week before other Big 10 teams start.

But the next Saturday (Sept. 16) Moeller must take his team back to his old stamping grounds at Ann Arbor.

NORTHWESTERN (1-10, 1-8)—Rick Venturi is the youngest coach in the Big 10 at 31. He brings expected enthusiasm and bright new hopes to his first head coaching experience—at his alma mater.

He may need both, plus luck, to keep from aging prematurely.

The Wildcats have been 10th in the league for two straight years, winning once each autumn.

Offensively, the '77 team ranked 8th overall, 10th in scoring, 9th overall on defense and 10th in points yielded. Northwestern piled up 102 points to the enemy's 337.

Venturi inherited fewer holdover regulars than anybody in the league: Three on offense, five on defense. To add to his woes, two of those had knee surgery and are doubtful; highly-promising split end Todd Sheets hurt a knee late in spring practice to cast doubt on his availability and quarterback Scott Stranski indicated a preference for baseball.

But Venturi is undaunted. He knew the territory when he signed on. He'd played at Northwestern (QB) and been on the coaching staff for five years, then encountered the Wildcats for four years as an assistant at Purdue and last fall at Illinois.

"We know it's not going to be an easy row," says Venturi. "We know where we've got to go. But we're working hard and our kids have shown us a lot. They've been very enthusiastic."

Venturi has installed what he calls a "very multiple offense. We're going to put great emphasis on the passing game. We believe that's our way to go."

He hopes it will not only excite the fans (four of five home crowds were under 20,000 last fall), but his young and largely inexperienced team—and produce a few more victories.

The offensive retooling brought to the fore Kevin Strasser, a 6-4, 205 junior who played little, because, Venturi figures, "he didn't fit into the option-type attack." But he does fit the new offense, was the most pleasant surprise of spring practice and goes into this fall as No. 1 QB, ahead of injury-plagued senior Steve Breitbeil.

If Sheets isn't available, it will be a blow to Venturi's plans. He was the only top six receiver returning (8r, 199y). Sophomore Tim North (6-3, 190)

would be next in line.

Non-lettering Mike McGee, Tim Rooney and erstwhile QB Dana Hemphill are the split end candidates, while converted tackle Wally Kaspryscki (6-4, 240), an injury redshirt, converted fullback Dave Hickey and senior Jim Maycan are tight end possibilities. None of the six caught a pass last year.

Venturi is better set for running, with regular tailback Dave Mishler (520y) switching to fullback and quick sophomores Mike Cammon and Tim Hill contesting for his old job. Don Johnson, 6-3, 210 soph, also impressed in spring practice at both RB and FB.

Mike Fiedler (C, 6-2, 242) anchors the line and is a quality player. He'll be flanked by new starters John Schober (T, 6-6, 245), Mike Kranz (T, 6-4, 240), Bill Draznik (G, 6-4, 240) and Rich Ray (G, 6-1, 210). Jim Ford (T), Kevin Kenyon (C) and Phil Reitz (G) are strong backups.

Venturi, converting to the 4-3 defense, did the good news-bad news routine in spring practice: Starters Mike Weitzman (T, 6-2, 251) and Scott Duncan (LB, 6-2, 218) became uncertain because of knee surgery, but Pat Geegan elected to play another year, solidifying free safety, and Joe Corona shed 25 pounds and became a promising tackle prospect (6-5, 245).

Mike Kundzicky (6-2, 205) is a holdover at end, with Keven Berg (6-3, 210) and Dean Payne (6-4, 200), last year's alternate starters at the other end moving to outside linebacker—and looking outstanding. Jim Miller (6-1, 231), nose guard last year, will be the inside linebacker.

Chuck Rogers (6-4, 205), another 5th year player, is likely at one end, Norman Wells (6-5, 270) at tackle, if Weitzman isn't available, and Tommy McGlade at cornerback. Sophs Dave Hoffman and Mark Adams still have to settle the other backfield job.

Last year's placekickers, Nick Mirkopulos and Sam Poulos will be back, but a punter must be found—possibly No. 2 fullback Bob Schmitt.

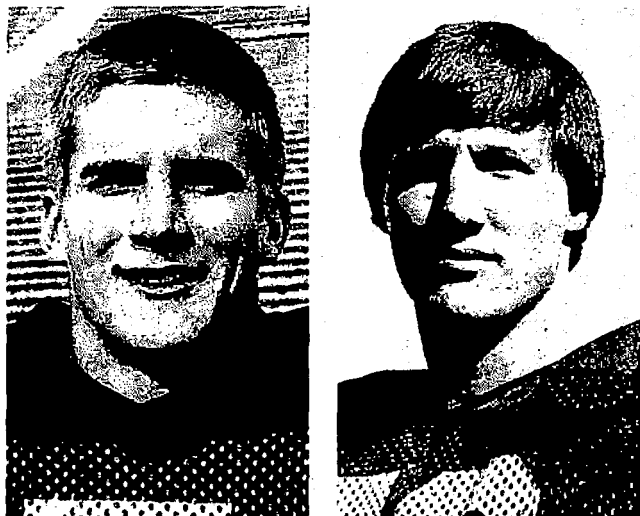
Venturi has one consolation: Unless the fans were spoiled by the season-ending win over Illinois in '77, there's no great pressure to win-'em-all. He also helped himself with what is said to be a better than usual recruiting class—such as TE Bill Gildner, all-state on both offense and defense, and QB Jeff Christensen, first athlete since Indiana's Quinn Buckner to be all-state (Illinois) in both football and basketball.

But another dampening statistic: Northwestern is the only team playing all other Big 10 members—and only 5 home games.

INDEPENDENTS

NOTRE DAME (11-1)—"Our biggest problem," insists 53-year-old Dan Devine, "is lack of numbers. Because of the 95 thing—I'm against the rule—we've only taken (recruited) about an average of 25 (freshmen per year).

"We're not as physically strong or as deep. We're training some people both ways. For instance, Rusty Lisch, our second-string quarterback, played some at split end last spring. On paper, we've got a good



JOE RESTIC, left, had six of Notre Dame's 29 interceptions. DAVE HUFFMAN anchors the offensive line for Irish.

freshman class coming in. We're going to have to get help from them."

But Devine, 28-7 in three years at Notre Dame, does get around to what, for him, is a show of qualified optimism.

"The schedule is going to have a lot to say about it (possibility of successfully defending the National Championship)," he notes. "We play Missouri, Michigan, Purdue, Michigan State and Pittsburgh in our first five games. But, if we can stay healthy, I think we're going to be pretty good."

Devine's offense should be better than "good." It produced a record 382 points last year and averaged nearly 500 yards. The machine goes back on the track with eight regulars, led by the man who made it tick, quarterback Joe Montana.

The colorful, fiery 6-3, 191 "relief pitcher" rushed into the Purdue game—which followed an upset at Mississippi—to hit 9 passes for 154 yards in 16 minutes, leading the Irish to 17 points and victory. Incidentally, it was his first game action in over a year. He'd missed all of '76 with injury.

Once Montana took the controls, Notre Dame was a transformed team. He passed for 167 yards, hit for two TD's and scored two in a big win over Southern Cal, gained over 260 yards against Georgia Tech and so it went through the Cotton Bowl. He finished 16th in NCAA total offense. The Irish scored 317 points in its last seven games.

Montana isn't a dangerous runner (5y net), but he is a superior passer (99c, 1604y, 11 TD's and .524 av), a slick handler of Devine's offense and an inspirational leader. If he picks up where he left off, he should be a leading Heisman candidate and an All-America prospect.

Lisch (6-4, 208) will again be a backup (568y passing), along with last year's highly-rated, but little used freshmen, Tim Koegel and Mike Courey.

Notre Dame's running should be super, with fullback Jerome Heavens and tailback Vagas Ferguson returning. The 6-0, 209 Heavens came back from knee surgery to become the school's second 1000-yard rusher (1095) and move up to 4th on its

all-time list (1954y). He has power.

Ferguson, a 6-1, 194 speed back, fought a bad ankle more than half last season, but hit his stride in the Cotton Bowl—100 yards, two TD's, one TD pass catch and the game's MVP award.

Jim Stone (6-1, 182), a breakaway threat, played enough to letter behind Ferguson (193y). Dave Mitchell (6-0, 198), who understudied Heavens (303y), missed spring practice, but is expected back this fall. Also in the rushing ranks will be a nationally-known recruit, Pete Buchanan (FB).

Montana's No. 2 receiver, split end Kris Haines (28r, 587y), returns, but the corps will be otherwise unproven. Kevin Hart (6-4, 234), son of Hall of Famer Leon Hart, will replace the great Ken MacAfee at tight end and veteran Tom Domin takes over at flanker (Regular Dave Waymer has been switched to defense).

However, Devine enrolls two freshmen with lavish credentials, Dean Masztak (6-4, 220 TE) and Tim Tripp (SE). Speedy Hart (SE), Marty Detmer (6-3, 221 TE) and Ty Dickerson (FL) all have had some game experience.

Dave Huffman (6-5, 247), who could wind up Notre Dame's best-ever center, will be joined by '77 regulars Ted Horansky (G, 6-3, 257) and Tim Foley (T, 6-5, 257). That's a very solid foundation on which to rebuild the line.

Tim Huffman (6-5, 260) Dave's brother, will play either guard or tackle, removing worries there. Rob Martinovich (6-5, 255), No. 3 tackle last year, is also a possible starter, as is Jim Hautman (6-3, 240), switching from No. 2 center to guard. John Leon (6-2, 235) and Howard Meyer (6-3, 223) are other guards.

If the defense were as solid, Notre Dame's chances would spiral. But the missing six regulars carried away 22 monograms and a ton of game savvy.

To add to Devine's troubles, Scott Zettek (6-5, 239), heir apparent to Willie Fry's end duties, underwent knee surgery last spring and is a question. Also, Jeff Weston (6-4, 250), who might have become a tackle starter, underwent a second knee surgery (he missed all of '76) and may not be available.

But Notre Dame has some super anchors, starting with linebacker Bob Golic (6-3, 240). He led in tackles last year with 147 and rated 2nd team All-America—not to mention All-America as a heavy-weight champion wrestler last winter. He pairs with another holdover regular, Steve Heimkreiter (6-2, 224), and will have letterman Larry Leopold (6-2, 218) as his other partner.

With backups John Hankerd (6-4, 236) and Mike Whittington (6-2, 215), this is a strong position.

The backfield returns Jim Browner (6-3, 204), a potential All-America strong safety, and free safety Joe Restic, who accounted for six of Notre Dame's NCAA-leading 29 interceptions. Waymer, a versatile athlete who played defense two years ago, is a probable cornerback starter, along with '77 backup Tom Flynn. Randy Harrison, a former starter, may figure at one of the spots, as might Tom Gibbons (a three-game starter) and backup Jim Morse.

The line must be rebuilt around tackle Mike Calhoun (6-5, 250), who played well despite back problems. Jay Case (6-3, 224), No. 2 at left tackle last fall, probably will move up, with Weston a possibility, if recovered. This is one of the thin spots Devine mentioned.

So is defensive end, if Zettek isn't back. Hardy Rayam (6-5, 245) probably will assume Ross Browner's left side station and letterman Tom Vandenburg (6-4, 220) the other end. Mark Pulawski (6-3, 225) and Dan Haggerty (6-4, 225), both sophomores, and junior Rob Bush (6-6, 230) saw a lot of spring service, too.

Restic handles punting (38.1 av.), but Devine must replace all-time kick-scoring recordholder Dave Reeve. Junior Joe Unis is the likely choice.

CINCINNATI (5-4-2)—Ralph Staub's first season fell far below his expectations. This year, expectations aren't that high. "We're going to be an awfully young football team," he says. "We have only three regulars back on offense and three on defense." One holdover is QB Tony Kapetanis, who took over as a freshman last year. Staub is planning more passing, hopeful for better than last year's 26 completions of 70. Also on this unit are Mike Rock (C), Ed Kloboves (G) and part-time starters Bob Massong (TB-WB) and Mike Cusumano (SE). Bob Wright (T) (6-5, 245), a first-teamer last year, but injured before the first game, will be back. The Bearcats' defense starts with an outstanding LB, Howard Kurnick (6-2, 215), and includes Duane Berry (MG) and Mike Clark (DB) from last year. Transfer Farley Bell (E) also figures. Staub says Cincy had "a great recruiting year" and that frosh are going to be prominent at "quite a few spots."

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (7-3)—Hopes justifiably high for Bill Narduzzi, with 10 regulars from school-record-setting offense (275 pts) and eight on defense. Keith Snoddy (QB, 832y passing, 290 rushing) leads backfield that also lists top groundgainer Maschell Brumfield (TB, 493y, 15 TD's) and Jim Ferranti (WR, 47r, 609y). Line anchors are Ed McGlasson (C, 6-4, 240), Tom Farina (T, 6-1, 260) and Jeff Lear (T, 6-4, 295). Greg Fitzpatrick (LB), who has had 344 tackles in three years, is outstanding hub of defense, also listing stalwarts Sam Barbera (T), Terry Dittmer (MG) and Kevin Statzer (S).

AKRON (6-4-1)—"There is no question in my mind," says Jim Dennison. "We will be a better football team this fall." One reason is return of QB Marty Bezbatchenko for third year as dealer of slot-I offense. He'll deploy last year's leading rushers, Paul Walters and Redell Windley and work behind veteran line keyed by Juan Pope (C) and Herb Kohler and Jim Christopher (G's). Defense was hit hard by graduation, especially at linebacker and in secondary. Jim Tawse (MG), Mike Holian (T), Dennis McGlone and Allen Parsell (LB's) and Curtis Howard and Mike Mitchel (DB's) figure heavily in rebuilding.

DAYTON (8-3)—School is gearing down to NCAA

Division III, with only 27 scholarship players left (20 seniors). But schedule is also geared down, suggesting Rick Carter will still do all right. Sylvester Monroe (TB, 6-0, 175) is top returnee among five regulars (897y) and Scott Terry is likely QB replacement. Rich Clamberlain and Ed Plaspohl (LB's) anchor defense and another holdover starter is Mike Bailey (B). Standout returnee is Hartmut Strecker (PK), who hit 34 of 34 EXP's and 12 of 23 FG's, including school record 59-yarder.

ILLINOIS STATE (3-7-1)—Charlie Cowdrey starts his second year with some definite pluses: Starters Butch Monaghan, QB (102c, 1215y, 10td's), Ronald Razz, TB (342y), and Angelo Jackson, FB (233y), plus Ben Reed (316y) and Mike Doneff, but receiving corps was wiped out and only John Bavester (G) returns in the line. Help is expected from JC transfer Terry Johnson (G) and redshirt Jim Rio (T). The defense needs strengthening (238 pts yield last year) and rebuilding around regulars Roger Coog (NG), Jim Lucas (T) and Dave Zakula (E). McKinley Moton (T), injured last year, will help. The outlook for improving the won-lost record isn't bright.

WESTERN ILLINOIS (3-7)—Last year was first under .500 in eight seasons, but Bill Shanahan maintains "I'm very optimistic we will rebound this fall." Unusually strong recruiting class is one reason. So is return of good backfield talent: Jeff Sellers and Jerry Bay at running back, Mark Jehn and Biff Fulmer at QB—with redshirt Kevin Conolty challenging. Star SE Jerry Holloway (30r) also returns. Defense needs repair, but Charlie Skinulus (LB, 6-3, 225) is outstanding returnee. Seven lettermen backs topped by Daryl Schuette, Bill Sibert and Steve Carpenter make that strong area.

MID AMERICAN

MIAMI (10-1, 5-0)—Thirty-two-year-old Tom Reed, newest arrival in this "Cradle of Coaches," was a defensive assistant at Michigan.

Which is the area in need of most attention. The Redskins' offense could hardly be in better stead, with only a center and wide receiver gone by graduation.

Larry Fortner, 6-4, 205 senior, is one of the league's two top quarterbacks, after setting four school records last fall—109 pass completions, 1473 yards, 15 TD's and 1822 total yards. He also had only four interceptions in 186 throws.

He'll have his entire backfield arsenal of Mark Hunter (809y), Kaiser Holman (581y) and Jeff Feicht (529y) available, along with three of four top receivers—Paul Warth (26r, 450y and 5 TD's), Mark Angelo (21r, 210y) and Tim Whetsel (17r, 221y).

All-MAC Jack Streicher (T, 6-2, 240) heads up the veteran line that also includes holdovers Matt Mazur (T, 6-4, 230), Andy Botting (G, 6-2, 235) and Dave Crowder (G, 6-3, 225).

The Miami defense, which gave up only 18 points in its last four starts, has six holdover regulars. Twice all-MAC Greg Sullivan (E) was in on 113

tackles, 19 for minus 126 yards, and Mike Rosenberger (T) also had 113. The leader was Joe Farais (LB) with 122, while another returnee, Dave Hatgas (T), had 94.

Pat McDermott and Kirk Springs are starters returning in the secondary and the two open places—and others in the top 22—are expected to be filled from the pool of 36 letterman.

Reed, 1967 Miami grad, will continue the veer offense Dick Crum installed last year. Incidentally, when Crum succeeded Bill Mallory (Colorado), coming off an 11-0 season, Miami went 21-1-1.

BALL STATE (9-2, 5-1)—All new coaches should have it as good as Dwight Wallace (from Colorado). He moves into a program that has been 13-4 in the league the last three years, has won 31 of its last 38 games and finished '77 with eight in a row.

Also, his squad includes seven regulars from the highest scoring offense in MAC history (377 points) and nine from the No. 2 defense—plus most of the backups on both platoons.

The offense will again feature the Dave Wilson-Rick Morrison combo. Wilson, 2nd team all-MAC QB, hit 115 (.650) passes for 1589 yards and 17 TD's and set a league record of 26 TD's passing and running.

Morrison, two-time all-MAC SE, ranked 5th in the NCAA with 59 catches good for a league record 908 yards and a school record 8 TD's. The 5-11, 160 speedster also covered 101 yards on eight end-arounds.

Also available is No. 3 receiver 6-4, 220 Tom Broderick (13r, 179y).

Heading up the ground game will be holdover FB Gary Acklin (521y), while '77 regulars Bruce Burke (G, 6-2, 200), Mark Eddy (G, 6-3, 250) and Rick Bostater (6-3, 250) are solid anchors for the offensive line.

All-MAC Ken Kremer (T, 6-3, 249) and all-MAC 2nd teamer Bill Stahl (S), conference interception leader (6), are standouts of the experience-laden defense. Other line spots are handled by holdovers Rush Brown (T, 6-3, 248), Larry Williams (MG), Dave Matzel (E) and Dennis Gunden (E).

Bill Pindas (LB), Jeff Hilles (CB) and Jon Hoke (CB) again join Stahl behind the line.

Another Cardinal asset is all-MAC punter Mark O'Connell, who has had 41.4 and 40.3 yard averages.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (10-1, 7-1)—For a conservative like Roy Kramer, the defensive outlook has to be reassuring. Back and presumably better, considering their experience, are eight regulars from a unit that finished 4th in total defense and 7th in rushing defense in the NCAA and first in scoring defense in the MAC.

Four seniors head up the unit: All-MAC Vondell Robertson (DB), 7th nationally in punt returns; Bryan Gross (LB, 103 tackles), Steve Smallbone (T) and Kevin Collins (E). Also back are Bill White (T), Carl Word (HB), Rick Waters (HB) and Robert Jackson (S).

But says Kramer, "If we are to be a contender, the defense will have to carry us early in the sea-

son." The offensive unit must be reconstructed.

Only Chuck Harbin (T, 6-4, 240), all-MAC 2nd team Tim Sopha (G) and wide receivers Brian Blank (19r, 238y) and Mike Ball (10r, 223y) hold over from last season's potent attack of 317 points.

Gary Hogeboom has seen some game time at quarterback (34c, 458y, 273y rushing) and Will Young (278y) at fullback, but Kramer may need help from incoming freshmen to beef up the ground game. JC All-America Mark Ekkens (G, 6-3, 250) is counted on to boost the line.

Also important under the circumstances will be twice all-MAC 2nd team placekicker Rade Savich, who made 29 of 33 EXP's and 10 of 20 FG's last year and has 34 career FG's.

The Chippewas set a school record with their 10 wins in '77 and their seven represented an MAC mark. They won their last six.

EASTERN MICHIGAN (8-3, 4-3)—Mike Stock (from Wisconsin) begins his head coaching experience with 35 lettermen, including seven offensive and six defensive starters. Three of the returnees made the all-league team in '77.

It's not all good news. Graduated are QB Steve Raklovits, who set virtually every school passing record, and DB Ron Johnson, a 3rd-team All-American DB.

Stock does retain a nationally-ranked runner in 5-10, 175 halfback Bobby Windom, whose school record 1322 yards boosted him to 9th in the NCAA rushing stats. He also scored 10 TD's en route to all-MAC. With him will be holdover fullback Doug Crisan (644y), plus leading receiver Tom Parm (34r, 554y).

Letterman Burt Beaney, who saw brief action behind Raklovits, is the leading QB prospect, challenged by Earl Goodwin and Scott Davis.

All-MAC Rollie Hanson (G), Dave Hoover (T, 6-3, 240), Marty Kennedy (T) and Al Chapman (TE, 8r, 123y) return up front.

Though Stock's defensive unit includes only six starters, they're a solid anchor: all-MAC Tom Williams (E), who led the league in sacks (22 for 102y), leading tackler Larry Tiller (126), all-MAC 2nd team Kevin Wilkinson (T), LB Ray Welch (108 tackles), two-year starter Terry Thames (S) and Gordon Skotarczyk (E).

Also an offensive weapon is Craig Motzer, who set a record with four FG's in a single game and posted eight for the season, plus 27 of 29 EXP's.

KENT STATE (6-5, 5-4)—Ron Blackledge, moved up from the KSU staff, announced one objective: "Like most head coaches, I will start with defense."

It seems like the best place to start, because last year's hard-hitting unit returns eight regulars, topped by two-time all-MAC linebacker Jack Lazor. The 6-3, 210 senior, being compared to another KSU great, Jack Lambert, led the league in tackles with 197.

He'll have holdover starter Ben Batton (93 tackles) alongside and the position is further fortified by

return of redshirt Mike McKibben, a '76 starter.

Three of the four front regulars return in Bob Wallace (T), who registered 154 tackles; 19 for loss; Andre Lanier (E) and Dave Badzik (E), with Harry Liggins (SB) and Woodie Thompson (CB) in the secondary.

The offense needs more rebuilding. Mike McQueen (HB, 574y) is the only backfield returnee, but Mike Shaughnessy gained valuable experience as fill-in starter at quarterback for the last three games of '77 (24c, 312y).

All-MAC Tom Jesko (6-5, 245) leads a young offensive line that also returns Jeff Hrenya (C, 6-3, 242) and Marvin Hall (G). Tom Wendling (G), a '76 starter, is back after an injury redshirt year.

No. 2 receiver, SE Skip Wells (9r, 123y) and KO return specialist Norm Warren (22 for 569y) are also available, but gone is the nation's top FG scorer Paul Marchese.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (4-7, 3-5)—What started out as a dream turned into nightmare last year. The Broncos were the pre-season pick for the MAC title, but 22 surgeries and a number of other injury cases changed all that. Still, six of the losses were by a total of 29 points.

"Our entire season will depend on how quickly our injured players come back," claims Elliott Uzelac, who indicated a year ago that his '78 team would be better than '77—at least on paper. But, of course, that was before the question marks developed.

There's nothing wrong with tailback Jerome Persell and that means WMU has one big jump on a potent offense. The 5-9, 178 senior, AP 2nd-team All-America last fall, led the MAC in rushing (1339y) and scoring (14 TD's), good for 4th and 8th in the NCAA, and was "Outstanding Offensive Player" in the league for a second straight year.

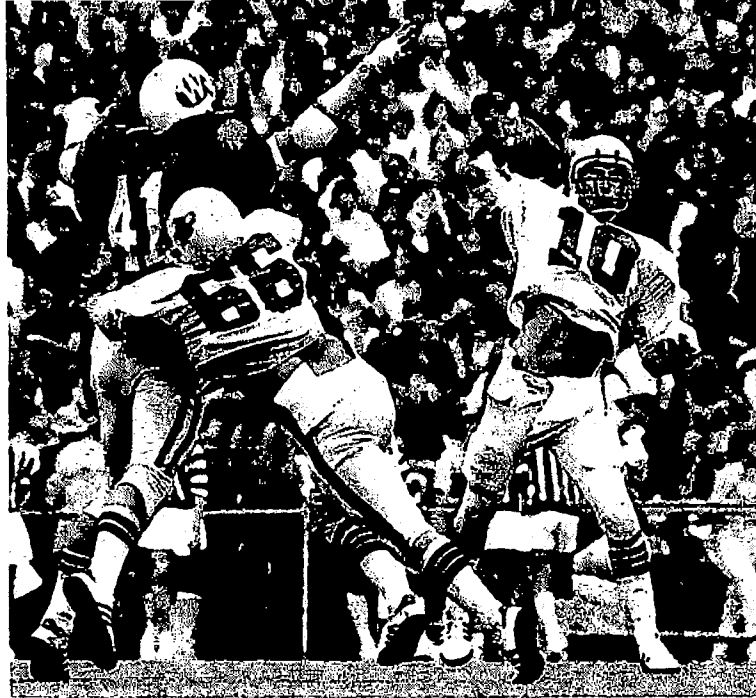
Persell had gained 1505 and scored 19 times in '76, but the fact three starting linemen were lost by mid-season apparently made ground-gaining more difficult last year. Four of the upfront blockers—Mark Schenk, (T), Bud Sitko (T), Don Leigh (G) and Dave Gigli (C)—are back.

So are four other regulars—Albert Little (QB), Craig Frazier (WB, 13r, 319y), Stu Jones (TE) and Tim Clysdale (SE). Backup FB Doug Lincoln (423y) moves in to help Persell.

Defensively, Uzelac has more rebuilding. Anchors will be leading tackler (107) Jim McVay (LB), Greg Williams (SS, 81 stops), Bob Compton (E), Pat Humes (CB), George Bullock (CB) and Morris Davenport (FS).

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (3-8, 2-5)—With a three-of-four finish last year and 17 regulars back in harness, Pat Culpepper is optimistic. Not that the Huskies have it made, but he cracks, "We're playing with larger sticks of dynamite now . . . we didn't improve as much as Texas, but we improved a lot for Northern Illinois."

A lot more is needed offensively, since the Huskies scored only 132 points. But the entire backfield returns in QB Pete Kraker (103c, 1034y), HB Allen Ross (1043y, 8 TD's), an all-MAC 2nd teamer, FB



PETE KRAKER, Northern Illinois quarterback, uncorks aerial as RANDY SHELTON (66) blocks Badger DAVE AHRENS.

Carl Fisher (659y), Ross' steady blocker, and Emile Lovely.

The top receivers also will be back in WR Dave Petzke (57r, 743y) and the line is set with veterans Scott Crooks (T, 6-5, 241), Paul Hudetz (T), Dan Rosado (G) and Randy Clark (C, 6-5, 231).

Culpepper's defensive platoon has among its eight regulars a linebacker ranked with any in the league, 6-1, 217 Frank Lewandoski. He registered 179 tackles last year, caused four fumbles and recovered two, rating all-MAC selection.

The Huskies also have two all-MAC 2nd teamers in Sam Boskovich (E) and Jack Wilson (CB), plus veteran Dean Schultz (MG), Steve Claussen (E), Andy Cvengros (E), '76 starter Rimas Kozica (T) and experienced Mark Stewart, Dave Petway, Brian Pearson and Kevin Ktristick, along with Jerry Barnicle (LB).

NIU has its best kicking in years in sophomores Jim Hanula, who had a 39.1 punting average, and Roma Moga, 6-for-14 in FG's—including four in one game.

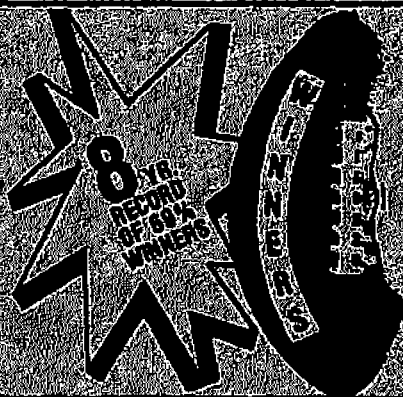
BOWLING GREEN (5-7, 4-3)—This is being called a "Groth and growth" year for the BeeGees.

The former refers to Jeff Groth, the 5-11, 178 flanker who appears to be going for distance records. He touched the ball 63 times last year and averaged 17.2 yards—39 pass catches for 639 yards; nine rushes for 145; nine punt returns for 145 and 10 kickoffs for 178. He also led the Falcons in scoring with 54 points.

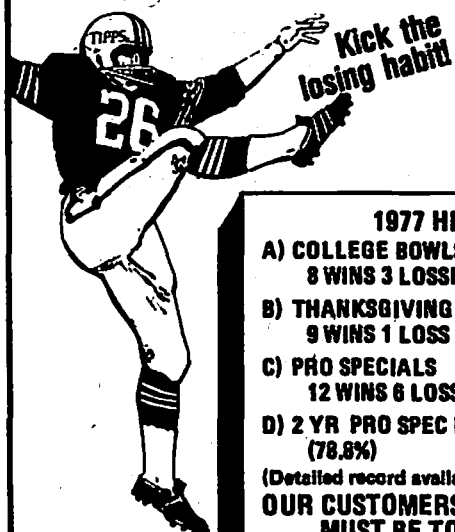
"He is the finest skilled player in our league and the finest I have ever coached," says Denny Stolz, former Michigan State head man, now in his second year at Bowling Green.

The receiving corps also returns Willie Matthews (35r, 398y) and Dan Shetler (8r, 104y), but four-year starting QB Mark Miller is gone. Most likely successor is understudy Mike Wright.

Stolz' big-back attack of 6-2, 224 John Park (TB,



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452y) and 6-0, 211 Dave Windatt (FB, 392), plus backup Doug Weiner (TB), may have to carry more of the load until the passing develops.

Joe Studer (C) and Kevin Kane (G) are the only line holdovers. Depth may be serious.

Bowling Green's defense is in for a major overhaul, after last year's decline (296 points, 202 in the last six games). "We've just got to rethink our defense from the beginning," Stolz concluded.

One key in the rebuilding will be free safety Dirk Abernathy, who had 100 tackles last year, prompting Stolz to suggest "he may be one of the best defensive backs in football." Joe Merritt (DB) started six games as a frosh last fall and also rates high.

Fourteen frosh lettered last year in the BG youth movement.

OHIO U. (1-10, 0-8)—Even the winless '65 season wasn't as jolting as '77 for Bobcats. Five key defenders went down in the opening game. Two of them never returned, the others played hurt and under. par. Midway through the season, rushing recordholder Arnold Welcher exited. Injuries piled on injuries.

When it was over, Ohio U. had lost 10 straight and given up 361 points.

Coach Bill Hess who died suddenly on June 10th had said after spring practice that he felt the Bobcats were capable of getting back in the MAC race.

A big boost would be return to full speed by defensive ends Steve Groves, a 6-2, 225 junior being boomed as a potential All-America, and Bill Simpson. Both missed the last 10 games. Thee Lemon (CB) is coming off knee surgery and can also be a help.

Tedd Lucas (LB), OU's leading tackler (134), and Jerry Fultz (T), erstwhile heavyweight wrestling champ, head up the '77 starters who managed to stay healthy. The comeback must start with this unit.

O.U. lost all-MAC quarterback Andy Vetter and his understudy, but got a pleasant surprise when leading receiver Nigel Turpin switched to QB in the spring and showed excellent potential.

Top rusher, TB Kevin Babcock (585y) and converted WR Randy Perkins at TB, fill the rushing spots, with help from Rich Crispin (110y). The receiving is solid with John Summers (12r, 259y), Mark Geisler (42r, 489y) and Randy Perkins (19r, 227y); the line has proven vets Bob Barrow, Steve Milano and Don Puthoff. Kicking is excellent, with Steve Green averaging 30.7 on punts and converting 23 of 24 EXP's and 2 of 7 FG's.

TOLEDO (2-9, 2-7)—Chuck Stobart's 2nd year may not be an improvement. Only five regulars return from an offense that produced the league's fewest points (112) and four from the next-to-last defense. Grads included two all-MAC selections.

To make matters worse, the Rockets open at Minnesota.

"This is truly a rebuilding year," says Stobart. "This team will be much younger than last year.

We're starting from the bottom up, where last year we thought we had a good amount of experienced players. We're going to have to count on our freshman class for a lot of quick help."

The running attack is one bright spot. Back are Mike Alston (772y), Skip McCulley (417y), Pete Kasper and Scott Alexander (267y). Also reporting will be receivers Mike Sherman (11r, 141y) and Dan Cox (8 r, 169y).

New man at the controls will be Kevin Gandee, who filled in for graduated regular Jeff Hepinstall.

Bill Greisinger (G) and Ken Loeri (TE) are the only lettermen in the offensive line.

Leaders of the defensive platoon are Joe Conroy (E), who was 2nd in tackles (126), and Jon Gotwald (T), who was third (94). Mike Kennedy (S) and Ed Turner (DB) are the other holdover regulars.

With all of his other worries, Stobart has none in the kicking department. Roch Wurst averaged 38-yards per punt last year and David Ridgeway was 8 of 12 in EXP's and 4 of 13 in FG's.

Stobart recruited five JC players, all of whom will be given a look early.

OHIO CONFERENCE (Blue Division)

BALDWIN-WALLACE (8-1, 5-0)—Sixteen regulars, plus depth, gives Lee Tressel powerhouse potential. All-OC's Roger Andrachik (FB, 975y, and 2nd in OC) and Tim McMahon (G), head impressive offensive array with QB Joe Surniak (66c, 608y), WR's Jose Tirado (18r, 221y), Dan Craine (16r, 154y), Jeff Jenkins, Scott Collart (T) and Jeff Liggett (G). Bob Wujek (368y) is experienced FB. Seven seniors bulwark defense, led by all-OC's Paul Petrella (T) and Gary Stetler (DB). Others are Duke Flaherty (T), Bill Davis (E), Bill Rickert, Gary Monda (LB), Bill Baker (DB), plus underclassman Fred Buchanan (E).

MOUNT UNION (4-5, 2-3)—QB Joe Toth (28c, 391y) takes over veteran offense including regulars Paul Gulling (FL, 39r, 588y), Mike Palla (SE, 12r, 207y), RB's Tom Froelich (631y) and Claude Charillo (301y), Matt DeCielio (WR), Daryl Hastings (T), John Treece, Paul Brotzki (G), Bill Mosholder (C). Defense lists eight starters, Jeff Teece, Eric Von Key (E), Ken Wilcox (MG), Bob Arnold (T), Wally Hartory (LB), Mike Colart, Jeff Noice, Jim Bellinger (DB). Speed of backs and receivers is big plus for Ken Wable.

OTTERBEIN (8-1, 4-1)—Rich Seils has huge QB hole to fill, but offense solid otherwise, with TB Wayne Cummerlander (699y), TB Randy Bressler (325y), FB Mike Echols (289y), TE Bob Bardelang (20r, 256y) and WB Mark Bailey (16r, 250y) behind line regulars Kevin Lynch, Brian Warning (T), Mike Lollo (G) and Mark Granger (C). OC's No. 2 defense has strong rebuilding foundation in regulars Dick Bonner, Tim Hart (T), Bob Jacoby (E), Bryan Bardelang, Greg Cobb (LB) and Jim Lower, Bob Spahr (DB).

MARIETTA (3-6, 3-2)—Defense is Joe McDaniel's strength, with all-OC's Charlie Black (DB, NCAA III KO return leader), Chris McDaniel (DB), Steve James (LB), plus regulars Ron Durst (E), Grant DeGarmo (T), Danny Williamson (MG), Mike Ulizio (LB), Gary Lovett (DB). Offensive Backfield intact with QB Tom Havranek, (63c, 948y), TB Mark Boy (653y), FL Tim Sell (23r, 352y), FB Elmer Detrick; line includes Sam Reynolds (TE), Jon Hall, Jeff Wycinski (T), Bill Debo (G).

OHIO WESTERN (2-6-1, 0-4-1)—FB Joe Sylvester (464y) and Rob Robinson (298y), operating behind regulars Chris Jones (C), Kendall Morrison (T), Tom Snyder (G) and Todd Korman (TE), gives Jack Fouts rushing potential, but WR Howie McGinnis (11r, 223y) is lone regular in pass game. Randy Eldridge (14c, 230y) will be QB. Defense needs beefing up around DB's John Fouts, Charlie Smith, Doug Sanders, Nick DelRaso (T), Gary Lofgren (LB) and 2nd all-OC Kevin Klemencic (E).

DENISON (0-8-1, 0-4-1)—Keith Piper's 25th Big Red squad more experienced, but still undersized. QB Clay Sampson (37c, 662y), HB's Tracy DeWitt (406), Ken Winn (234y), FB Tony Trout, TE Jeff Snyder (13r, 163y) top offense, with Mark Karchon (C), Rollie Devine (G), Steve Lipster, Craig Dashut (T's) in line. All-OC Perry Horner (MG), Bob Clamp (T), Scott Williams, Brad Speck (LB's) Greg Joseph, Tim Benadum, Tom Watkins (DB's) anchor defense.

KENYON (4-5)—Wealth of offense brightens Tom McHugh's debut. QB Terry Brog (70c, 972y), SE Bill Samstag (25r, 482y), WB Roger Schott (23r, 346y) hype pass threat, FB Jim Mazzella (356y) tops rushers, behind line returnees Greg Fedor (C), Mike Smith, Roger Vaughn (G's), Ron Anderson, Andy Richards (T's). OC's No. 1 defense returns Mike Svihra (MG), Tom Rickles, Greg George (T's), Bill Piar, Tom Bentley (LB's), Dave Nees, Pete White (DB's).

OBERLIN (1-7)—Already owns one 1978 victory—78-49 vote of faculty to continue football. QB Gregg Heiden (104c, 1194y), OC passing and total offense leader, heads offense also listing WR's Rollie Schick (38c, 390y), Dave Cola (30r, 390y), RB's Rich Aroney (462y), Steve Miller (263). Last in OC defense returns starters Michael Spotts (MG), Lou O'Quinn (T), Steve Choban (E), plus experienced LB's John Brosseau, Nathan Eisler.

(Red Division)

WITTENBERG (9-1, 5-0)—OC rushing champ and school record-setter, swift TB Dave Merritt (1238y), and 7 other regulars from OC's No. 1 offense assure Dave Maurer strong attack. All-OC Maso Moon (WB), Alternate FB's Steve Fuller, George Buckley join 170-pound Merritt behind line of all-OC Tony Ramsey (G), Wade LaForce (G), Jim Donnellon (T), Mark Short (C), Dave Stratton (SE).

Letterman-Chuck Delaney likely new QB. Defense, 3rd in OC, rebuilds around all-OC's John Saxon (DB), Mike Early (T) and regulars Jim Au (DB), Joe McDonough (LB), Scott Leininger (E) and Tim Crowe (T).

MUSKINGUM (7-2, 4-1)—Al Christopher's offense, No. 2 in OC, should be powerful, with TB John McCarty (888y), FB Matt Huffman (708y), QB Mark Dickerhoof (49c, 715y), WR's Terry Kelley (35r, 727y), Gary Martin (13r, 201y) and Chris Bova (17r, 218y). Line returns Scott McIntire (C), Tim McNaughton (G) and Mark Bjelac (T). Defense, 11th in OC, likely to be improved with 9 regulars returning: Jeff Lab, Joe Witucki (E), Jim Pottmeyer (MG), Amos Mims, Dan Radalia (LB), Mickey Keck, Mike Haddox, John Miller and Jeff Stinson (DB).

WOOSTER (6-2, 3-2)—Tom Hollman has offensive depth, with regulars Ron Lingenfelter (TB, 500y), Rich Leone (FB, 419y), Jim Powers (FB, 373y), Tim Raffel (QB, 39c, 667y), George Muller (QB, 23c, 342y) joined by '76 top rusher Mike Riffle (out last year). All-OC Blake Moore (C), Frank Schuhle (G), Rich Sulzer (T) and Tom Jackson (SE) anchor line. Defense, No. 4 in OC, returns mainstays Daryl Ward (T), all-OC Eric Showes, Tim Kaser (E), Rob McCoy, Oney Fitzpatrick, Joe Neroni (LB), Perry Hoskins, Rick Kolencik (DB).

CAPITAL (5-4, 2-3)—Gene Slaughter's hope to upgrade offense, last in OC, starts with two-year QB Chad Raymond (53c, 703y), FB Dave Cotner (338y), SE Kevin Rodenberg (14r, 202y) and WB Luis Mejuto, plus new TB John Cacchio. John Buda, Don Laipple (T), Russ Reynolds (G), Scott Pohlman (C) head up line. Defense solid with John Phillips, Mike Lancaster (T), Tom McCurdy (MG), backed by Matt Whitmer, John Miller (LB), Mitch Davis and Dave Chandler (DB).

OHIO NORTHERN (2-7, 1-4)—Wally Hood's air attack, 3rd in OC, will be potent, with returning QB's Bob Taylor (62c, 845y), Tim Greene (47c, 451y) throwing to OC receiving champ Mike Martin (43r, 538y) and Rob Coll (25r, 340y). Ground force still needed, as is line help for Mark McCall and Jim Lewis (G). Defense rebuilds around Mike Mowry, Jim Ducker (T), Jeff Bon (E), Dan Smoot, Terry Adkins, Dude McGarry (DB). All-OC (T) Chris Wilson now LB, with Dan Mathie.

HEIDELBERG (1-8, 0-5)—John Spezzaferro inherits—for first season—good offensive promise, if line improves. FB Steve Fawcett (589y), TB's Kevin Bowers (239y), Kevin Chapman, off injury season, QB Bryan Deal (62c, 819y) and WR Bill Taylor (24r, 393y) return. Mike Houser, Chris Cowles (T's) head up line. Defense less set, with Kurt Smith, Frank Mihalic (T's), Bob Bulnes (E), Mike VanTilburg (LB) and John Burtch, Don Bowman and Jim Getz (DB's) returning.

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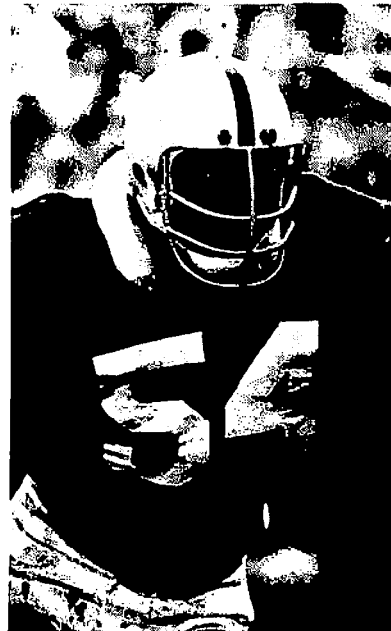
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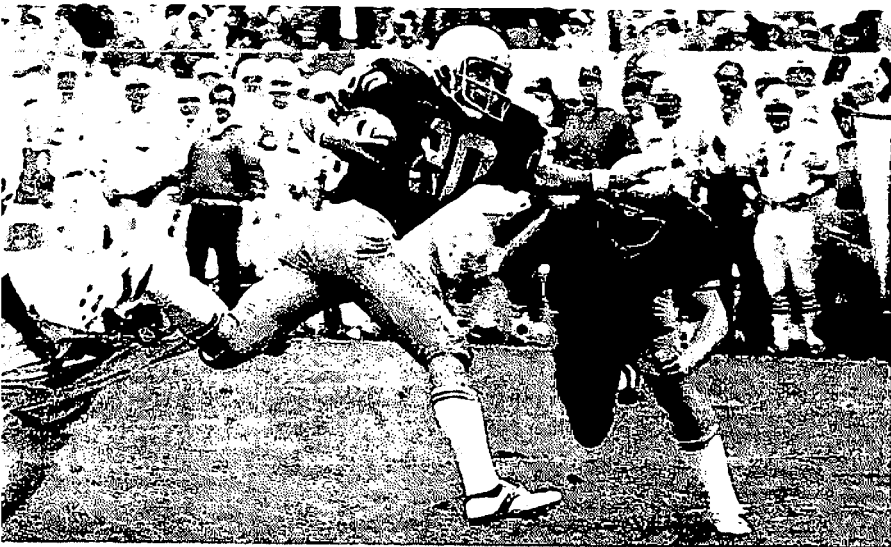
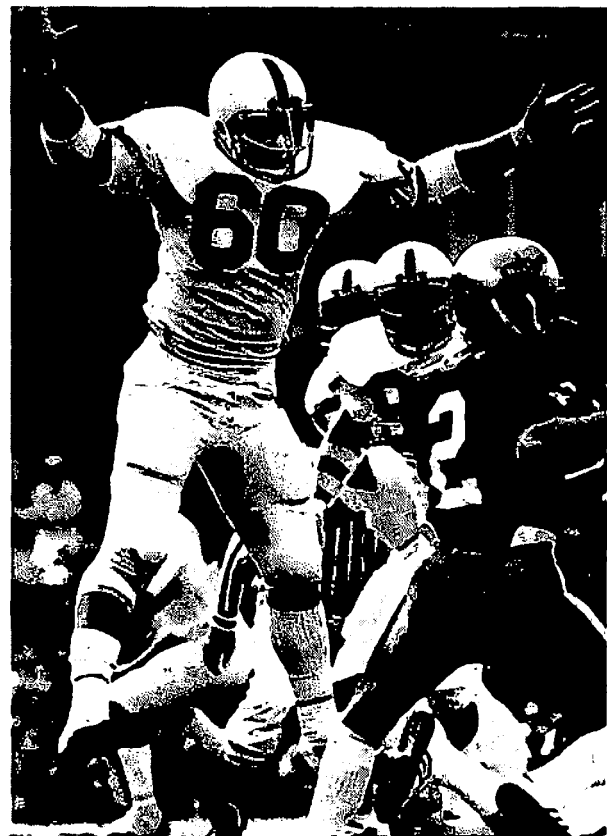
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CHUCK FUSINA, left, quarterbacks Penn State's powerful offense.

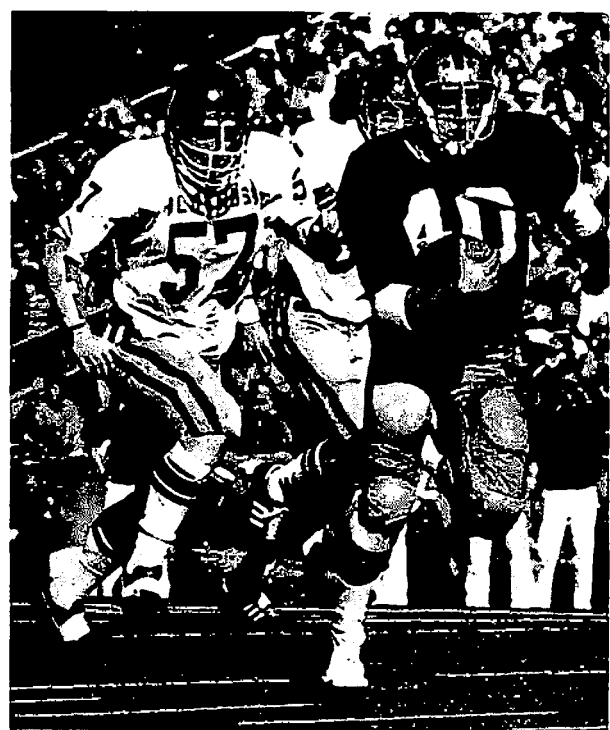
BRUCE CLARK, above, 6-2, 246, handles DT post for Penn State.

MATT MILLEN, right, gives State strength at the other DT position.



PHIL McCONKEY stars as double threat punt returner-wide receiver at Navy and shows some of his form in 10-7 win over the Air Force Academy.

GORDON JONES, left, split end, and **STEVE GAUSTAD**, tight end, are prime pass targets for Pitt, catching 76 passes between them in 1977.



JIM MERRIKEN of Army breaks loose for 52-yard touchdown in rout of Holy Cross.

HUGH GREEN does top job as Pitt DE.





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East

PATERNO'S NITTANY LIONS ON PROWL TO CLAW TOWARDS NATIONAL HONORS

PREDICTIONS

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| 1. Penn State | 6. Navy |
| 2. Pittsburgh | 7. Army |
| 3. Syracuse | 8. Temple |
| 4. West Virginia | 9. Villanova |
| 5. Boston College | |

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| 1. Rutgers | 2. Colgate | 3. Holy Cross |
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| 1. Brown | 5. Cornell |
| 2. Yale | 6. Dartmouth |
| 3. Penn | 7. Princeton |
| 4. Harvard | 8. Columbia |

Middle Four

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| 1. Delaware | 3. Bucknell |
| 2. Lehigh | 4. Lafayette |

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| 1. Massachusetts | 4. Rhode Island |
| 2. New Hampshire | 5. Maine |
| 3. Boston Univ. | 6. Connecticut |

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| 1. Williams | 2. Wesleyan | 3. Amherst |
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There's a brand-new spirit of football optimism permeating throughout the Nittany Valley these days. Some of it is due to the rat-a-tat-tat of the construction workers who are hammering together a beautiful, newly-expanded 76,000-seat stadium for Coach Joe Paterno's well-muscled Mount Nits. Still more of it is caused by last year's Lions who rebounded back to the top of the Eastern heap after being dislodged for just one fall by Tony Dorsett and his No. 1 National Championship Pittsburgh Panthers. But most of the quick-stepping by the camp followers is in accompaniment to the ear-splitting drumbeat from the PSU campus, where there's a growing feeling that "This could be the year."

Coach Joe's States, 11-1 last fall, Fiesta Bowl victors over Arizona State, and fourth and fifth in the final national rankings, are an eye-filling, huge, experienced squad that could go all the way if it fills a few voids in the deep secondary and stays

free from injury. Pacing the pack is QB Chuck Fusina, perhaps the best passer in Penn State's golden history, and who figures to direct one of the most explosive attacks in the nation. Meanwhile, two monster tackles—Bruce Clark and Matt Millen—are ready to strip the ball from the other guy. And if three points can win you a game, State has that operative, too, in Lil' Matt Bahr, record-holding Nittany kick-scorer. Keep in mind, too, that State will play seven games in its new playpen, that will undergo an additional expansion to a complete bowl of 83,000 by 1981.

Jackie Sherrill's rebuilding Panthers could derail Coach Joe's dreams, especially if All-America wide receiver Gordon Jones has himself a day and some of Pitt's Junior College transfers can take up the graduating slack of last fall's Gator Bowl kings. So could Syracuse, with a super passer-runner in Bill Hurley combined with a big, breakaway runner-receiver in Art Monk. Lil' Dave Jacobs supplies a pro-like toe. But Coach Frank Maloney must starch up a defense that allowed 234 points.

Throughout the rest of the East, there's exceptional talent, too, and such A-A candidates as Navy's kick return whiz-receiver Phil McConkey, Villanova's big, ball-packer Vince Thompson, West Virginia's receiver Steve Lewis, now healthy again, Boston College's defensive tackle, Monstrous Fred Smerlas, Army's brilliant tight end Clennie Brundidge, and a good many, many others.

The Cadets' Homer Smith savored all winter West Point's first winning season (his first) since 1972, and he has high hopes of remaining on the alkaline side of the ledger due to a solid defensive platoon, which includes eight regulars from last fall. Meanwhile, Navy's George Welsh, dropping his first traditional battle to Army in five starts, still has a gifted senior passer in Bob Leszczynski to terrorize the enemy, along with solid plunger Larry Klawinski.

Frank Cignetti hopes the injury bugaboo will relent and permit his Mountaineers, unlike last year, to achieve their rich potential. The celebrated Robert Alexander could come into his own in this his sophomore season.

One of the more intriguing windups will pit two of the East's top Indies—Temple and Boston College—in Tokyo's Korakuen Stadium on Dec. 10. Wouldn't it be something if this pair were playing for the Lambert Trophy in far-off Japan?

New coaches at Princeton (Frank Navarro, formerly at Columbia, but of late at Wabash) and at Boston College (Ed Chlebek from Eastern Michigan) will be installing new attacks, the Veer. Meanwhile, Joe Yukica has left BC for the Hanover Hills of Dartmouth, Bob Pickett has been elevated at Massachusetts, the Yankee kings, and Barry Streeter has moved up at Gettysburg, now content to play in Division III.

Two programs that are hoping to repeat banner campaigns are at Colgate and Lehigh. John Whitehead's Engineers rallied to become the first Eastern school to capture the NCAA Division II crown, while Coach Fred Dunlap's Red Raiders rolled to 10 straight victories to become the winningest eleven in Colgate history before stubbing its toe in the finale crossing the Delaware.

Even in the Ivy circuit, there's a feeling that the powerful kings at New Haven can be unseated. Brown, which got nipped by the Elis, could give the Yalies a rude introduction into the new season in the showdown curtain-raiser. And Harvard and Penn share title aspirations, too.

Penn could be the spoiler, as Harry Gamble wishes on his very powerful Wishbone attack. The Red and Blue, led by the strong running of Dennis Grosvenor set a slew of school rushing marks with their grind-it-out, ball-control attack.

Wherever you peek in the Northeast, there's plenty of hope for football improvement and lofty, ambitious goals for 1978.

INDEPENDENTS

PENN STATE—For the past decade, Coach Joe Paterno and his Nittany Lions have been knocking on the door to the throne room, marked "National Championship." With 12 starters returning and 32 of their top 44 back from an 11-1 squad that was rated No. 4 on one wire service, this could be the year.

Certainly, Coach Joe has the depth, muscle and experience to get the job done, plus a schedule that's not all that taxing if he can catch Ohio State and Kentucky early.

The offense, at the end of spring drills, seemed to have more firepower than any other in recent Lion memory, and the defensive front hit with shocking force. Only the deep secondary, which suffered graduation losses, represented an Achilles Heel, and week-by-week that seemed to be taking shape.

A speedy trio of last year's frosh—Karl McCoy, Tom Wise and Grover Edwards—were lighting up Coach Joe's dreams. They were blending in with holdovers Mike Guman and Pete Harris. Hopefully, they won't get much work due to an intractable defensive front, led by massive tackles, Bruce Clark (6-2, 246) and Matt Millen, (6-1, 249) probably the best tandem on any one team this fall. Joe Lally returns at one end and Rick Donaldson is a solid linebacker, as is Paul Suhey and Doug Hostetler. Tony Petruccio at nose guard saw considerable service as did end Fred Ragucci.

Offensively, the triggerman of last year's fine attack, Chuck Fusina is back to direct traffic. Paterno

calls him "my best passer". Chuck has already broken or tied nine Lion marks and is being pushed as a top All-America candidate. He'll mate with such seasoned backs at Matt Suhey, Bob Torrey, Booker Moore and Tom Donovan. Donovan, who caught 13 passes as a frosh, sat out all last year after fracturing an ankle in pre-season drills. He'll move into Jimmy Cefalo's vacated flanker spot. Moore is a speedster who played sparingly as a frosh. Last spring, Suhey was used at both full and tailback so that in some situations he could mate with the bulldozing Torrey.

Besides Donovan, Fusina will have such other seasoned receivers as Scott Fitzkee (who also punts) and Bob Bassett. Four of last year's five interior starters return, including A-A tackle Keith Dorney (6-5, 265). Center Chuck Correal (6-4, 244) will be over the ball again, flanked by guards Eric Cunningham (6-3, 255) and Marty Sierocinski (6-6, 241). Irv Pankey (6-5, 256) has moved out from tackle to tight end, with Jim Brown, up from the frosh moving into his tackle hole.

Another big plus is side-saddle kicker Matt Bahr, who set a school record for kick-scoring last fall with 81. Now that his soccer eligibility has been completed, Paterno believes that Matt will be even more effective.

Paterno has coached his 12 previous Penn State teams to 112 wins, 24 losses and one tie.

With the Mount Nits playing seven of their 11 games in their newly-expanded 76,000-seat playpen (16,000 have been added for this fall), Paterno certainly has an opportunity to thrill his many new followers. If Coach Joe can keep his Big Play People free from injury, this could be the year of the Nittany Lion.

PITT—A rash of spring injuries didn't stop Coach Jackie Sherrill from optimistic appraisal of the Panthers. "We're going to have a good football team, and if we can stay healthy," feels Sherrill, "we'll be that much better."

A number of classy players left the 9-2-1 Gator Bowl winners via the graduation route, but such All-America candidates as pass-grabber Gordon Jones (45 for 793 yards and nine TDs in '77), are among the 46 lettermen returning to give Pitt a solid nucleus for another fine season. Jones has pro moves and speed, and no doubt will help soph QBs Rick Trocano and Lindsay Delaney in their takeover role.

There are other fine targets available, too, such as tight end Steve Gaustad, Willie Collier, Ralph Still, Benjie Pryor, plus some incoming frosh and jaycee transfers with glowing credentials.

Fred Jacobs, who can run as well as catch the ball, returns as the pivotal man in the offensive backfield, but Rooster Jones, up from the frosh, should produce breakaway runs, also. Larry Sims, Steve Harris and Artrell Hawkins are all lettermen, too.

The offensive line is crying for help after graduation. Only tackle-guard Matt Carroll returns. Walt Brown will probably take over at center, while Mark May (6-5, 270) will play one tackle. Kurt Brechbill, Jeff Mathews, Ed Gallagher and John Richardson have all served some time.

Defensively, seven starters return, though the deep secondary needs replacements. All-America Hugh Green returns at one end, with Dave DiCiccio at the other. Greg Meisner, Steve Fedell, Ricky Jackson and Mike Lenosky lend depth. Jerry Boyarsky is back at nose guard, along with Dave Logan. Bill Neill and Bob Gruber can handle the tackles.

Al Chesley leads the linebacking corps. He paced the team in tackles last fall with 82 and 52 assists. Jeff Pelusi, Desmond Robinson and Mark Reichard also return. Jeff Delaney will anchor the deep secondary from his strong safety slot. Carl Williamson, Mike Balzer, Lynn Thomas, Scott McKeel and Willie Marsh will be battling for the open spots. Jo Jo Heath, moved over from offense, could start at one corner.

The Panthers return all three booters, too, Joe Gasparovic will again punt, while Dave Trout and Mark Schubert are available for placement work.

Sherrill has a team loaded with talent, but it might have some problems early until the new faces are woven into the program.

SYRACUSE—What started out last September as an early-season disaster, did a complete about-face, as the incomparable Bill Hurley sparked his Orange mates to a winning 6-5 season, including four straight victories at the end. Close-but-no-cigar losses to the East's top pair, Penn State and Pitt, also restored Coach Frank Maloney's squad to one of the sector's leading lights.

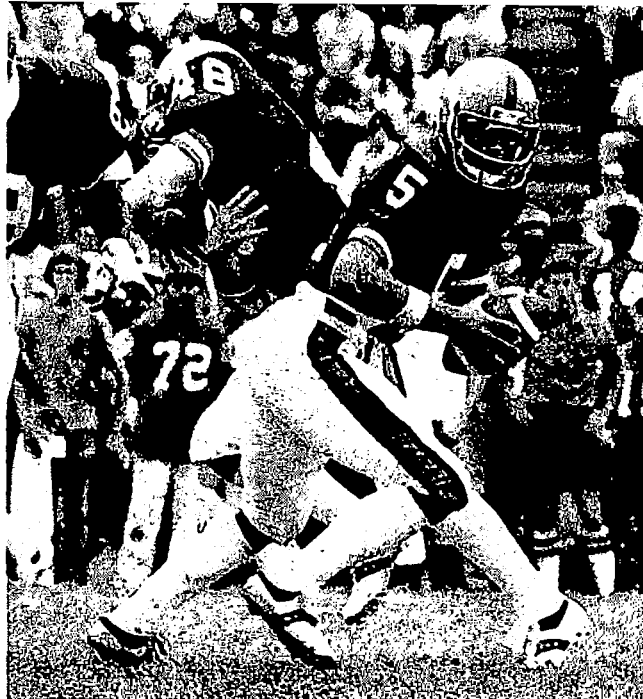
Buffalo Bill Hurley returns to gun down the opposition for his senior swan song, and with speedy Art Monk ready to circle the ends and set more school receiving marks, the Orange may have as explosive a one-two punch as there is in the land. However, Maloney frets about his defense after heavy graduation losses, so the early feeling is that Syracuse should be involved in a lot of high-scoring, exciting games.

Working with Heisman candidate Hurley, who can beat you with both his feet and his arm and has wrecked all SU total offense records even with another year of eligibility left, will be a solid offensive line led by tight end Bruce Semall (6-2, 237) and tackle Craig Wolfley (6-1, 265). Lil' Dave Jacobs, Bill Orange's top placement kicker of all time and who has made 44 PAT's in a row, plus several three-pointers of over 50 yards, returns to put the finishing touches on the board.

Hurley, who enjoyed a 384-yard day against the Nittany Lions, works the option off the Veer cutely with the 205-pound Monk, who caught 41 passes last fall. Dennis Hartman supplies the inside thump. Split end Mike Jones, who grabbed 25 passes, is a constant threat, too. Semall (who caught 22) and Tim Trapasso will serve as the twin tight ends when Maloney wants additional blocking surface.

The senior Wolfley is a stickout in a line that will have Bruce Babcock (6-5, 242) as his mate, with Larry Archis and Glenn Williams at the guards and Soph Andy Gissinger over the ball.

Soph Jim Collins, redshirted a year ago when he required pre-season knee surgery, is a superior linebacker and will make his share of the tackles along



BILL HURLEY, Syracuse quarterback, completed 108 passes for 1455 yards and eight touchdowns in 1977 season.

with veteran John Kinley. The return of Collins has permitted the shifting of linebacker Chris Shaffer to one of the tackle spots. He'll mate with John Cameron, while Fred Lang and Bob Tate work the flanks. Willie McCullough, quick-charging nose guard, will again be over the ball.

The deep secondary is quick, but lacks depth. Seniors John Patterson and Free safety Terry O'Leary will spark the unit, with the speedy Warren Harvey and Bob Arkeilpane rounding out the group.

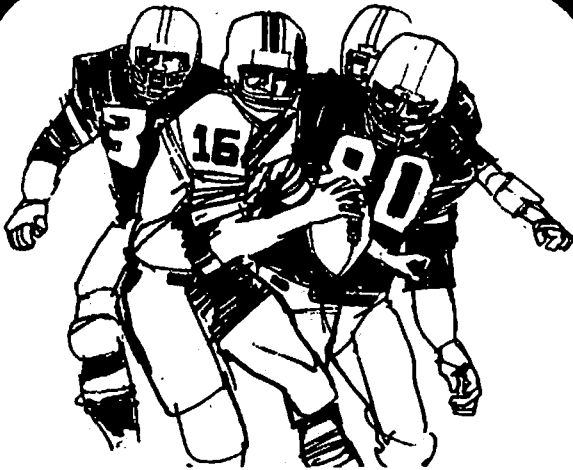
Jim Goodwill, two-year veteran will continue to handle the punting in capable fashion.

The Orange needs help from its incoming frosh, plus the return to health of such veterans as defensive tackle Ron Richardson, the Farneski brothers, Ron (QB) and Dave (safety-receiver), cornerback Brian Ishman, tackle Charlie Kirouac, end Tony Sidor. All but Richardson were hurt in spring drills, while Ron's knee still hadn't recovered from September surgery.

The schedule looms tougher than usual, with five winning bowl teams providing rough going. However, the feeling is that if Maloney can patch up the "D" and give Hurley & Company enough snaps, the Orange could be knocking at the Eastern throne room.

WEST VIRGINIA—After winning four of its first five, the Mountaineer collapse set in, and they dropped five down the stretch for a losing (5-6) campaign. Coach Frank Cignetti hopes that no such calamity will beset his charges again, and he's confident that 14 starters among his 29 lettermen will trigger a successful year.

Split End Steve Lewis, who's accounted for better than 1000 yards of receiving yardage during his fine career, will head up a hot pass-grabbing corps that also includes Cedric Thomas and Rich Duggan. Lewis was out with injuries most of last year. But they'll have to work with an inexperienced



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triggerman, for record-setting Dan Kendra has departed.

Top contenders for the post are sophs Dutch Hoffman, Doug Banda and Mike Williams, brother of Danny, who backed up Kendra and is gone, too. The running backs, led by soph Robert Alexander, look explosive. Others to help are Fulton Walker and Jim Tackett.

Up front, the WVU line will be led by such veterans as Jeff Cortileso, Randy Weppler, Jim Himic, Al Thomas and Tony Alessi. A giant of a soph, Frank Kinczel (6-6, 260) is another who should help. Jack Palmer and Pat Conachan will probably snap the ball.

Joe Jelich, ace middle guard, will lead the defense, along with linebacker Jeff Macerelli, a crack openfield tackler. Helping Jeff will be Ken Braswell, who returns after missing last year with injuries, and Bob Tomko. Del Fowler should be a classy end along with John Halliday. The tackles are a pair of 240-pounders—Robin Meeley and Al Pisula, with Norm Patterson, coming off knee surgery, in reserve. John LaSavage, Mark Pupilli, Jody McKown, Jamie Keys and Jerry Holmes will fight for spots in the deep secondary.

Ken Hatton is back to do the punting again, while Steve Sinclair and Ron George will probably move into the placekicking work.

Overall, the Mountaineers look stronger, but so does the schedule.

BOSTON COLLEGE—The Eagles have a new coaching broom. After a very successful decade under Joe Yukica (winningest coach in BC history), Ed Chlebek has taken over. Ed served Eastern Michigan, where he was Coach-of-the-Year in the swift Mid-American Conference. He'll install the Veer offense.

Ed will have 41 lettermen returning to serve as a nucleus. Heading the blockbusting talent available is All-America guard candidate, John Schmeding. He's 6-5, 265 and can clear the path for a truck.

The quarterback likely will be Jay Palazola, a junior who saw some service late last year, hitting on 16 of his 31 passes as well as making some good gains with his option running. Fullback Dan Conway and fleet halfbacks Anthony Brown and Mike Curry are also back to hoodwink the opposition. Flanker Paul McCarty, who caught 27 passes, can move into the flanker post.

Defensively, the Eagles have an exceptional tackle in Fred Smerlas, 6-3, 265, who some day will raise a lot of havoc in the NFL. Jeff Dziama is the best of the returning linebackers, while sophomores Doug Alston and Mike Mayock will head up the secondary.

Tim Moorman, a left-footed specialist, will again do the placekicking. He's a good one, having hit 24 of 27 from the PAT line, 6 of 9 from the field. However, the quality punter, Jim Walton, was graduated.

Depth could be a serious problem throughout the squad, though Steve Giordano and Bud Sherwin are good targets, while John Cassidy has some experience as a ball-carrier.

Overall, the schedule is rugged, with the Eagles

winding up their season on a high note, by taking a trip to Japan for a Dec. 10 game against Temple.

NAVY—Coach George Welsh will have 30 lettermen (10 starters) back from a scrappy 5-6 Middle array that should once again be able to move the ball with excitement. The deep secondary and the offensive line cause concern.

Senior QB Bob Leszczynski, who passed for more than 1500 yards, is back at the controls again, and his two rapid receivers, Phil McConkey and Sandy Jones, can both grab the ball and motor with it after they catch it. McConkey, senior all-around threat and All-America candidate, is also the best punt returner in Academy history. He ripped 257 yards with punts last fall, third in the nation and also paced the team in kickoff returns.

Working with Leszczynski in the first backfield will be thumping Larry Klawinski and Dave Walker at the fullback spot, with Steve Callahan and Mike Sherlock, a pair of sophs, shooting for the tailback job. Bob Wilson will be a flanker. Rick Bott (6-4, 233) is an outstanding tackle up front. His mate will probably be Jerome Barker or Dana Martinez. Steve Kremer has been moved from guard to center, with the guard spots a fight between Mike Dolan, Rick Welch, John Taylor, Tom Feldman and Frank McCallister.

Defensively, the Sailors will be led by such seasoned ends as Mark Stephens, Charlie Thornton, and Bart Nixon. Reggie Trass and John Merrill are at tackle. Charlie Meyers, Tommy Thompson and A.B. Miller all lettered at the nose guard. Two crack linebackers are Nick Mygas and Tom Paulk, with Mike Kronzer a promising soph.

Rover Gregg Milo, the lone starter in the deep secondary, will furnish the glue back there. He's a crasher. Working to fill the gaps are Kit McCulley, Chris Boblit, Chuck Zingler, Bob Wilson, and Fred Reitzel. The kicking should be solid again, with Bob Tata, Academy record-holder, again doing the placekicking, with Roland Ellis set for kickoffs. Art Ohanian will punt for the third fall in a row.

The Mids look like they could play the role of "Spoiler" again, with a "Bombs Away" aerial attack likely to pick off some unsuspecting rivals.

ARMY—The Cadets finally pushed themselves up and over to the winning side (7-4) last fall, and Coach Homer Smith is hopeful that the Black Knights will be able to supply its followers with more of the same this season.

To do this, though, some large shoes will have to be filled, including Leamon Hall, Army's record-wrecking aerialist and Greg King, the team's leading rusher with 961 yards. Smith has also rebuilt his staff, changing four of his assistants.

To keep Army's new-found momentum going, he'll have 30 lettermen back, including 13 starters, eight on defense. Junior Earle Mulrane will be given first shot at the vital QB duties. Jim Merriken could supply the heavy-duty ball-carrying. He can also slip out and catch the ball. Jon Dwyer, Jim Hill, Joel Anderson, and Bobby Shields all could supply some fuel for the running game.

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The receiving corps should be strong. Co-Capt. Clennie Brundidge has excellent hands as does Ward Whyte, Bill Skoda and Mike Fahenstock. The rest of the offense needs patchwork. Center Charlie Lane returns as does all-East tackle Joe Oliver. Gene McIntyre could fit into a guard spot. Others who could move in are juniors Chuck Boucher and John Kiesel, plus sophs Tim Dolan and Charlie Lane and Bill Duelge, switched over from the "D".

Co-Capt. Chuck Schott will pace the defense from his end spot. He made 89 tackles, recovered five fumbles to play a key role in the Knights' rise. Tackle Duane Fuller (6-6, 235) and nose guard George Mayes return, too. The tackles also have such veterans as Tiki Traylor and Bob Groller, while Senior Doug Turrell can back up at middle guard.

John Hilliard and Kirk Thomas will lead the linebackers. They combined for 236 tackles last fall. In the deep court, Smith can call upon such lettermen as Dave Charest, Steve Smith, Ed Clemons, Joe LeGasse, Phil Macklin, and Ed Lowrey.

Though Whyte is back to punt again, Smith must replace Mike Castelli, his ace place-kicker. After being down for several years, the Cadets seem to have turned the corner and another winning season is well within the grasp of this seasoned squad. Especially, if Smith can continue to get some solid support from his passing game.

TEMPLE—After a slow start with a young team, Coach Wayne Hardin's Owls hooted down the stretch forging a .500 (5-5-1) campaign. He's hopeful that the improvement will continue this fall as he squares away for his ninth season at Temple. Wayne only needs one more victory to become the winningest coach in Owl history.

For starters, he'd like to settle his QB spot early. Gone is Pat Carey, but Brian Broomell, Tink Murphy and Tony Bonitatibus all have had experience, while Ken Rowe is a newcomer with a lot of potential.

The running backs look solid, with Anthony Anderson a stickout. Others with experience are Mark Bright and Zach Dixon. Steve Watson and Wiley Pitts can catch the ball.

Casey Murphy is a proven punter of quality, but Hardin is advertising for a placekicker.

The wheel of the defensive line will be Colin McCarty, while the linebackers appear to be strong. Bruce Gordon returns after injuries to plug one spot, to go along with Brett Egan, Ken Streich, Tom Modafferi and Mike Curcio. This crowd will make a lot of tackles.

Some other returning letterwinners among the 37 available will be tackles Fritz Benson and Elliott Artis, Ends John Boback and Sam Sakocious, Center Barry Collins, plus guards Chris Stinger, Bob Heffner and Bob Brewer.

If Hardin can get his horses away flying, they might be in position to celebrate when they close out their campaign in Tokyo against Boston College, Dec. 10. It'll be the second straight year that the Owls have wound it up with a December date in the Orient.

VILLANOVA—A dozen starters are amongst the 25 lettermen who'll be reporting to Coach Dick Bedesem, beginning his fourth Wildcat campaign. An easier schedule, too, could help lift the 4-7 Cats over the .500 mark. The less said about the '77 disappointment, the better.

The Wishbone offense did hammer out a lot of yards, with Fullback Vince Thompson leading the rush. The 225-pounder bull-dozed for 977 yards and owns most Villanova rushing marks. His backfield mates return, too, with Pat O'Brien at QB and Greg Bedesem and Charlie Gross at the halves. Top Receiver Dennis McCauley will handle the split end duties, with Paul Columbia moving in at tight end. The offensive front must be rebuilt, Chet Zelesky is a solid guard and will play again next to pivot Pat McEvoy.

Defensively, 250-pound Howie Long will work as the nose guard, backed up capably by linebacker Dan Driscoll. Steve Plastek still roams in the deep secondary. He's an ace. He'll mate with Bernie Hober, moved over from offense.

Bedesem's kicking corps has also been depleted by graduation, and that could be a headache, for Gus Fernandez was an exceptional placekicker.

Bedesem expects to go back to basics and try to pick up the pieces in order to get the Wildcats back on the winning side of the ledger again.

OTHER INDEPENDENTS

RUTGERS—After a slow start, complicated by early-season injuries, the Scarlet Knights came on to take eight of their last nine games. Coach Frank Burns, healthy again, is hopeful of getting away from the post quicker this time around.

He'll be greeted by 35 lettermen, including 12 starters, six on each side of the aisle. The offensive line and the defensive secondary should be solid. Tackles John Gallo (6-4, 270) and Kevin Kurdyla (6-3, 250) will provide plenty of blocking surface, while guard John Bucci and tight end George Carter are he-men, too. Carter caught 17 passes to lead the Knights.

Frank Naylor or John Law will center, with Pete Honeyford filling in at the vacant guard. In the deep secondary, Burns can call on Bob Hynoski, Sam Davis and Len McBroom, all starters, with Ken Smith, a talented soph, fighting for playing time, Jim Hughes and Tim Blanchard will again handle the inside linebacking chores; they're solid, with Hughes an all-East selection. Back-up strength should come from Dave Brooks, Trent Mattern, Bob McNally and Don McMahon.

The defensive front will feature end Phil Parkins tackles Dino Mangiero and Jeff Hess, plus nose guard Pete Zimmerman. Rick Baldwin, at end, and Ed Steward at guard will furnish depth.

The offensive backfield could be a problem. Gone are Bert Kosup and Jeff Rebholz who led the Scarlet to 35 wins during their fine careers. Bob Hering has the experience to move in, but challenging him will be Jerry Smith, Ed McMichael and Hank Drought. Fullback Glen Kehler returns. He was the rushing leader for the past two falls and is anxious to repeat.

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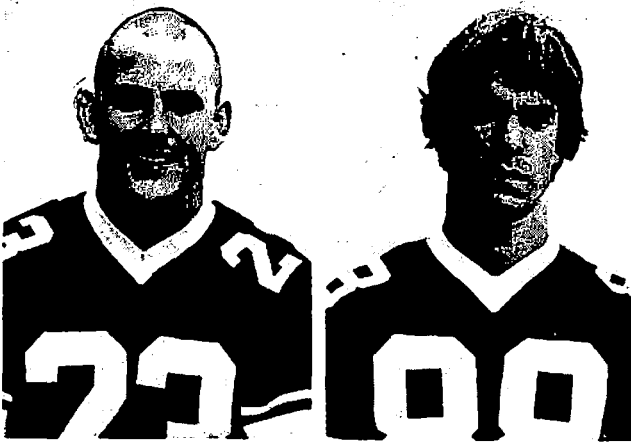
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If Burns can get out of the Penn State opener in healthy condition, the Knights could go on for another big season.

COLGATE—The 1977 Red Raider season (10-1) will be recalled as the winningest team in the history of the school. And only a tripping over the final game hurdle at Delaware prevented Coach Fred Dunlap's finest from joining the late Andy Kerr's 1932 Perfectos. As Andy blushingly liked to remind, "The '32 team was undefeated . . . Untied . . . Unscored upon . . . And Uninvited!"

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This year's Raiders should be less explosive, for there are only two offensive starters returning. But Fred is happy with his "D", eight regulars coming back. Overall, he'll be greeted by 18 lettermen, with a solid contingent coming up from a good jayvee program to lend depth.

Offensively, Bruce Malverty and Jim Comforti have had experience and look like they'll handle the halfbacking, though Al Egler (son of a Colgate great), Lloyd Woodruff and Bob Hite will press 'em. Steve Hill could be the fullback, though Jim Freeman, Angelo Colosimo and Ron Feinberg might have something to say.

Leading QB candidate is senior Alex Mancini, last year's backup, with John Marzo and Jeff Carty pushing him. Their best target will be Co-Capt. Dick Slenker, who caught 44 passes for 782 yards. Mike Getman will handle the tight end.

The rest of the offensive line must be rebuilt, with senior guard Dave Bachman being the lone starter back. Those with some experience are Dick Rodd, Mike Twomey, Jim Miller and center Bruce Nardella. Tony Bubniak, a transfer, could also be at the pivot.

Defensively, the linebacking contingent looks powerful, with All-America candidate Doug Curtis ready to be a starter for his fourth season. Other

starting returnees are Ken Ebeling and Gary DiFelice, both seniors, too. Carl Padovano, who started some games last fall, probably will move up.

Up front, tackle Ray Linn and end Dan Mastrella return to their jobs, though Mastrella may move inside. Tackle Joe Donnelly could be switched to end. Jeff King, Mike Cook, Sheldon Parrish and George Swan look like they'll fill out the line. The deep secondary returns, with Paul Lawler, who led the nation in thefts with seven, setting the pace. Regulars Tom McGarrity and Bob Crowley are back, with Pat Gillard, Bob Nixon and Bill Dunlea looking for the other job.

The kicking game presents another headache, for Jerry Andrewlavage, who could do it all, swung a pro-type leg. Nixon figures to do the place-kicking, with Curtis coming in to punt.

Overall, Dunlap and his staff have a strong nucleus, but there's plenty of rebuilding to do as well. Another winning season is in the offing, but these Raiders figure to take a few lumps, too.

HOLY CROSS—All winter long, Coach Neil Wheelwright sounded like The Bard, repeating, "All's Well that Ends Well."

The Crusaders dropped their first nine games en route to what looked like a total disaster. Then a squeaker over Connecticut coupled with a resounding 35-20 upset of traditional rival Boston College, sent Purple adherents away happy.

Coach Neil played young people, and the 35 letter-winners returning should start paying dividends. He also has 16 regulars to call upon, eight on each platoon.

On offense, the skilled people are back. Senior Pete Colombo returns at QB, with Joe LeMay ready to offer strong backup support. Last year's leading rusher, Crocky Nangle, will move over from halfback to full, with Larry Ewald and Brian Doherty working as his mates. Doherty seems fully recovered from last year's injuries.

Craig Cerretani, the team's ace receiver is back after getting hurt in last year's opener. He caught 39 passes the year before. Tight end Mike Smith returns. Guard Bob Hurley anchors the offensive line. He's 6-3, 250 and has the NFL looking. Other vets back are Joe DeSisto, tackle Mark Bates, and center Jack McGovern.

Defensively, the secondary has gathered experience. They were very young. Safety Glenn Verrette, corners Bob Ireland and Pete George form what should be a solid backcourt. End Mike Hanne leads the frontier. Tackle Jay Howlett and End Steve Gannon are solid workmen, too.

Some newcomers who bear watching are running back John Ahern, a burner in the open field, defensive tackle Bob Roncarti and linebacker Dana Cresta.

Overall, "Wheels" feels comfortable about having "some experienced numbers in our upper two classes. We still lack depth, but have enough quality players now to hopefully have a winning season." With luck in the health department, the Crusaders could come out on the winning side of the ledger.

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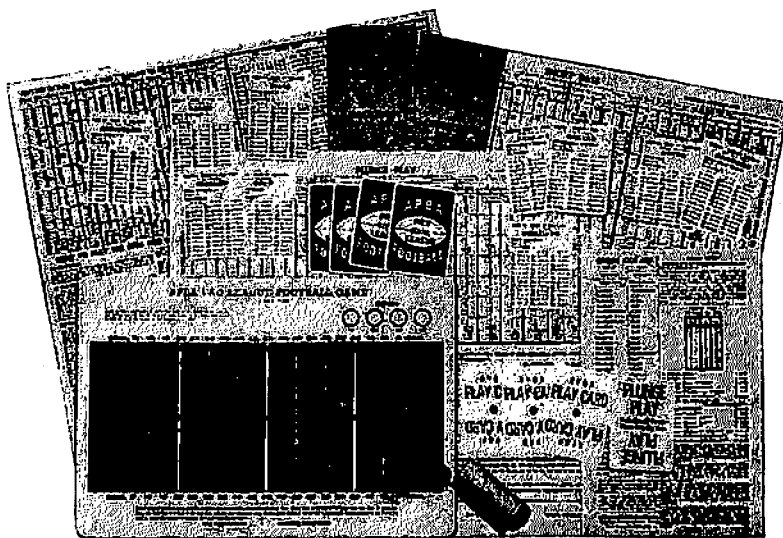
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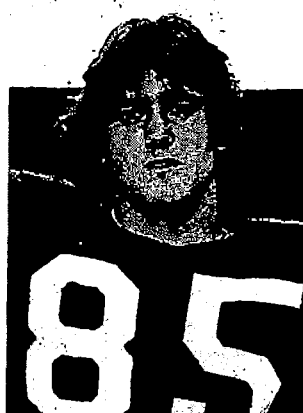
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JOHN SINNOTT, left, Brown's burly offensive tackle, lends support to quarterback MARK WHIPPLE, a senior.



JOHN SPAGNOLA, left, had 35 receptions for Yale and linebacker BILL CROWLEY made 38 solo tackles in 1977.

IVY LEAGUE

BROWN—The Ivy showdown might be taking place in the opener Sept. 23 when the Champion Yales invade Brown Stadium. It was a one-point victory by the Elis over the Bears that separated this pair at the Ivy Top last fall.

Coach John Anderson, in Brown's 100th football season, hopes to give his adherents plenty of reason to celebrate. The offense has seven starters back. They're led by QB Mark Whipple, who ran well, threw for six touchdowns. Juniors Marty Moran and Jojo Jamiel promise plenty of exciting ball-toting.

All-Ivy center Mike Knight will anchor a large line. Junior tackle John Sinnott (6-5, 265) and senior guard Bob Forster (6-4, 240) are eye-filling, while returning tight end Scott Kidger (6-6, 235) is no small one, either. The latter is a perfect target and an exceptional blocker. Split end Mark Farnham (25 catches) will bug opposing defenses, while flanker Barry Blum is a quickie who can move into the picture.

The defense got hurt by graduation, with five starters gone. However, middle guard Mike Lancaster is ready to answer the bell again, and end-punter Tom Thurow and linebacker Neil Jacob are proven players.

The defensive backfield remains intact and is led by seniors Ron Brown at safety and Luke Gaffney. Brown picked off five passes last fall.

Overall, Brown's defensive front will have to settle early if the Bears are to turn the tables on Yale in that "Must" opener.

YALE—Coach Carm Cozza has some solid receivers and running backs plus an experienced secondary defense to help him defend the Elis' hard-won Ivy title, but a lack of depth up front could prove to be his undoing.

Despite the fact that all-Everything Johnny Pagliaro has departed after rushing for 1000 yards (in only nine games) each of the last two seasons, Yale should have adequate ball-carrying. Mike Sullivan, wingback Ken Hill and Rick Angelone are seasoned rushers. All-Ivy John Spagnola (35 catches) and Bob Krystyniak form the best 1-2 receiving punch in the loop. Tackle Brian McNamara and Guard Mark Noetzel are seasoned and will do a fine job up front.

But the quarterbacking could be a problem. Pat O'Brien, who'll probably take over the controls, hasn't started a varsity game. He could have an abrupt debut when he opens at title-contending Brown.

Defensively, the Yalies look fairly solid. Bob Skoronski is a crack tackle, while Clint Streit is an all-Ivy end. Linebacker Bill Crowley is outstanding as is Tim Tumpane, his running-mate.

The secondary is back intact and is led by Kurt Nondorf. Kevin Gardner and Steve Skrovan also return in the deep court.

Yale's defense has been solid over the years, leading the circuit in total defense for the past six years, and in scoring defense for the past four. The Elis' attack was tops, too, as Yale won its first undisputed Ivy title in 10 years. Sullivan will again do the punting.

Still, Cozza has 33 lettermen returning to use as a nucleus, and if the clever O'Brien can direct the attack smartly from the opening whistle, the Elis have a fine chance to repeat.

PENN—Most improved Ivy team last fall was the Red and Blue, and Coach Harry Gamble is hopeful of keeping the momentum going, so that his 5-4 Quakers might have a shot at the title.

Gamble's grind-it-out offense returns to pulverize foes again. Tom Roland will again direct the wish-bone, and all-Ivy fullback Dennis Grosvenor is ready to carry again. Gamble feels his attack will be more versatile this fall, with last year's grinder rushing for 2504 yards, a school record. Other experienced backs who'll help are Kevin Blake, Phil Avila, Chuck Gaudet, John Montesanti and Joe Poggi. Tony Sciolla and Mick Navin will back up Roland.

Tim Trautman and Jerry Smith will man the tight end slots, often working together to provide more blocking. Nelson Johnson is a fine receiver, with Steve Routh, a good kick returner, and Tim Tamlin splitting duties with Johnson. Co-Capt. Boris Radisic is a solid guard. Tom Sweeney paired with Boris before he was hurt late in the season. Tom Kearney and Cyril Zaneski will be over the ball again, with Barry Berenson, hurt most of the season, ready to step in at tackle. Tom Katon, Pete Cusick and Brian O'Neill, all sophs, show promise.

Defensively, Penn might have problems. Gary Winemaster leads a strong end corps, with Gary Rinaldi and Bob Baumgartner also returning. Jeff

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Still Gamble likes such newcomers as Guard Dave Papfenfus and linebacker Brian Lytwynec, plus Dave Schmidt and Greg Hemmings.

An exceptional soph placekicker is John Dwyer, who could displace the returnees, Rich LeVan and Ron Perilstein. Gaudet and John Bottimore will share the punting.

Gamble, despite his defensive headaches, is optimistic, thanks to his ball-control offense. If they can hog the football and keep the pressure off the young defense, the Quakers just might make the rest of the Ivies quake.

HARVARD—A very favorable home schedule, including the Ivy's favored elevens, Yale and Brown, could help boost coach Joe Restic's Crimson higher than their 4-3 loop finish of a year ago. And better than last year's 4-5 overall, the first losing year in Restic's seven seasons.

Offensively, Restic thinks depth will be a problem, but "there's enough experience up front to give us a good foundation." QB figures strong, with Larry Brown coming through admirably a year ago.

Defensively, the front four got wiped out. Linebacker Craig Beling is experienced, but most of the rest are gone.

Juniors Brian Buckley and Burke St. John will back up Brown at the vital signal-calling post, but their top catchers of last fall have departed. Gary Confer and Rich Horner can go get the football, while soph Linus McDonnell (6-7, 240) is an eye-filling target. Matt Grahger might move into the full-back void, while Ralph Polillio, Wayne Moore and Joel Boone could be the halfbacks. Paul Connors, is a highly-touted ball-toter up from the Yardlings.

The line should be strong. Senior Joe Pellegrini will be the center, with Mike Clark at one guard and Joe Kross at a tackle. Mac DeCamp and Mike Brown will be battling for the other guard spot, while Bob Locke and Brian Silvey could be Kross' mate.

Defensively, Frank Kane, John Cosgrove and Dan Binning have the experience up front, while Tom McDevitt and Frank Gaudio could wind up splitting the nose guard job. Beling will handle one LB post, with Capt. Steve Potysman taking care of one corner. Fred Cordova and Dave Kinney could occupy the other. Tom Masterson and John MacLeod will be working in the deep secondary.

Gary Bosnic, a solid placekicker, returns. He hit a 46-yard field goal last fall. Both punters graduated, so that looms as a problem too.

Overall, Restic has 32 returning lettermen, but only four defensive starters are back. Without a ball-control offense, the pressure could be on the young Harvard "D", especially early.

CORNELL—Coach Bob Blackman's return to the Ivy peapatch, where he'd had so much success at Dart-

mouth, was a minefield of boobytraps. The Big Red dropped their first seven games before finally nipping Columbia for a 1-8 season, though they were in most skirmishes until the bitter end.

Better things are promised for '78, thanks to a solid recruiting crop in "Blackie's first year, led by some very large running backs—Arnold Goodgame, Dick Clasby and Ben Tenuta. They should push returning ball-toters such as Joe Holland, Ken Talton and Dwayne Downtin. There's size among the crop, but there's need for a game-breaker. Seniors Jim Hofher and Mike Tanner will probably split the QB role again, though Mike Ryan and Andy Schroer are a couple of promising sophs.

Up front, the ranks are thin though Tom Donnelly could handle the center spot and Paul DeJesus (6-3, 245) is a stickout junior tackle. Dave Rupert, who led the team with 26 catches, returns to one flank, with Brad Decker, another able receiver on duty, too. Paul Goodburlet and Brian Burke caught well for the frosh, while Terry Smith, Tom Weidenkopf and Todd Florey might move up as the swingback.

Defensively, the Big Red could use help, too. Scott Foreman (6-4, 225) is a crack tackle, and Virgil Cotton is the best of the deep backs. Dan Leonard is a seasoned linebacker. Ends Tim Ring and Pat Avery, plus back John Curran lend defensive support, as does Bob Weggler, crack end who spent all last fall on the sidelines with an injured knee. Junior Dave Kintigh (linebacker) and Pat Hansen (tackle) should rewin their jobs, though there are some good-looking athletes coming up from the frosh, such as linebacker Mike Staun and deep backs Jim Zirn and Mike Cobb. Keith Manz is on duty to do the placement work again, while J.C. transfer Ken Wilson will punt.

The Big Red looks like it's on the rise, but give Blackman at least another season to fill in the depth and find some needed help at the skilled positions.

DARTMOUTH—Joe Yukica, the winningest coach in Boston College history, returned to Hanover during the off-season to replace Jake Crouthamel, who moved on to the Athletic Director's chair at Syracuse. Coach Joe had been an aide under Bob Blackman at Dartmouth in the early 60's. He'll find only five returning starters at Hanover, with heavy graduation losses costing 29 letterwinners in all.

Offensively, Phil Olson returns at tight end, and Jim Eden can play either halfback or flanker. Co-Capt. Buddy Teevens saw considerable QB service. He has a strong arm and can run. Larry Margerum will probably back him up. Eden and fullback Greg Jenkins will do most of the ball-carrying early.

The line is a question mark. Center Mike Kelley and TE Mike Miosky have had experience. Either he or Olson might move inside. Nigel Key, Ken Loos and Tom Matek are upperclassmen who've seen some game experience. Speedy John Wilson, Scott Brewster and Eric Cutter all can field the football.

Some sophs who could help are guard Byron Boston, split end Len Jardine, running backs Dave Farley, Jeff Dufresne and Jon Bassindale. Dave Shula, whose dad has something to do with the

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Miami Dolphins, saw service as both a wide receiver and as a defensive halfback.

Dartmouth's "D" was superb last fall, holding foes to just 10.6 points per game, 10th in the final NCAA stats. But most of the big play athletes are gone. The ends could be seniors Mike Francis and Dave Brown. Co-Capt. Joe Nastri and returning starters Tom Kuchar and Jeff Hickey will plug the line-backing spots, with Ed Fernandes available, too.

In the deep secondary, a trio that had valuable playing time are Steve Bullock, Curt Rooks and Dave Stone.

However, the new coach is far from discouraged. Yukica takes a positive stand despite the huge losses, by saying, "This will not be a rebuilding year. We will evaluate our personnel . . . give everyone a chance to show their ability, then move from there."

PRINCETON—New Tiger coach Frank Navarro, back in the Ivy circuit after a four-year sabbatical at tiny Wabash, hopes that the momentum from last year's finale (34-0 over Cornell) will spill over into this fall's opener when his experienced squad tackles the Big Red again.

Frank, who piloted Columbia for six seasons, will be met by 37 lettermen, including 15 starters. However, the catch is that Ol' Nassau only won three of nine last season. Hardest hit were the skilled positions.

Of the ball-carriers, only Gary Larson has had much experience, and even he will have to adjust, from the power-I to the Veer. The offensive line is intact, with senior guard Greg Bauman the best of the litter. He was all-Ivy. Defensively, the Tigers look solid.

Junior Ken Barrett might be the QB, with Steve Garza and Steve Reynolds in the picture. Mark Lockenmeyer is the top soph. Besides Larson, who worked at full last fall, there are such veteran ball-toters as Ken Foote, Chuck Alexander, Fred Rosenberg, Frank Wise, Jeff Pyros, and Tom Kolesar. Pass-catcher Rich Keefe led the team with 17 grabs.

Up front, tight end will probably see either Jeff Dalrymple or Ed Arlin, while inside Navarro should be strong. Besides Bauman, there's tackle Dan Friel, center Andy Stephens, guard Frank Paolucci and tackle Dwight Coleman. They're all seasoned. Chet Szablak, Tim Manahan, Ted Sotir, and a pair of Petes—Bastone and Batsakis—supply back-up strength.

Defensively, the Tigers will be basically in a 5-2, with eight starters back. Middle guard Pete Funke and linebackers Andy Hvidston and Bob Ehrlich are the stickouts. Working with Funke will be tackles Matt McGrath and Joe Lundie. The ends should be selected from seniors Bob Piselli and Bill Powers, plus sophs Paul Van Pelt and Rob Cuomo.

Juniors Russ Moyer and Mark Cameron will fill out the linebacking corps, while the deep secondary looks well fixed. Jerry Peacock started every game, and Mark Goldstrom is healthy again for the safety spot. Bob Daly, who started some games, free safety Paul Converse and Felix Hester and Dave Foote are all battle-tested.

Both kicking specialists return. Bill Powers can punt, while Chris Rowe does the placekicking.

COLUMBIA—Bill Campbell's Light Blue Lions started out on a high note, winning two of their first three games last fall. Then the roof fell in, for a 2-7 disaster.

However, the Campbells are coming again this fall, with perhaps more depth and muscle, thanks to a fairly good crop upcoming from the freshmen.

Among the soph contingent expected to move in immediately are a pair of big offensive tackles, Joe Wagner and Sean Cannon, guard Rich Splain, center Mark Walsh, and tight end Rich Ruzika. All have eye-filling size. Kevin Shorey and Mark Hanewich can go catch the ball.

Gerry Fitzpatrick, who rushed for 473 yards in 91 trips, will again be the heavy-duty running back, and will be taking handoffs from Cal Moffie, last year's back-up QB. Cal's favorite target will be Artie Pulsinelli, tough to cover one-on-one. Working with him in fielding the football will be Ray Stukes and Fred Sullivan. Another ball-toter with experience is Joe Ciulla.

Up front, the Lion line has experience, with Kevin Cook back at tight end and Bill Buchholz and Shawn Fitzgerald splitting the pivot duties. The tackles and guards seem fortified with lettermen Vic Kaminski, John Kelly, Geoff Stoner, and Harold Wick.

Over on defense, Mike Brown is a crack safety and Rich Witherspoon is very valuable in the backcourt, too. Brian O'Hagan will pace the defensive front from his tackle spot. At the ends will be such veterans as Parker Bailey, Mario Biaggi, Andy Elliott and Dave Pinnock.

Linebackers with experience will be Mike McGraw, Jim Boran, Dave Chapman, and Paul O'Connor. Rich Quadri and Pat Sages are teeth-rattling soph tacklers.

Columbia should be slightly improved, especially if the new sophs come up and help immediately. If not, it could be another long fall in Baker Field.

MIDDLE FOUR

DELAWARE—The Blue Hens, who've had such a fine track record over a period of time, were cast in the role of "spoilers" late last fall and came through 21-3 to ruin Colgate's bid for a perfect season. That was the peak of a 6-3-1 campaign for Coach Tubby Raymond's gridders, and this fall he hopes to go on from there with 31 lettermen returning. A talented frosh squad will add depth to the Hens.

The defensive secondary was wiped out via graduation, with Tubby hoping to patch things up by filling in with Guy Ramsey, Vince Hyland, Rick Cowan and perhaps Mark Howard, switched over from running back. Sam Dolente is the lone returning starter back there.

Ivory Sully is the only starter among the running backs, but such varsity vets as Pete Bistrain, Lon Mariani and Gary Gumbs are in the thick of the fight for jobs as are sophs Ed Woods, Gino Oliveri and transfer Vance Belcher. Gary Sterndale will be pressed at fullback by Chris Cosgrove and Tom Ciccone.

Jeff Komlo returns at QB, though he must cut down on his 14 interceptions. Jim Castellino and

Mike Schonewolf, plus soph John Davies will offer depth at the vital post.

Mike Mill returns at tight end, but his mate is up for grabs, with Jamie Young, Bob Woods and frosh sensation Jay Hooks trying to hook the job. Tackles Bill Ragni and John Morrison should be able to handle the tackles with Mike Donnalley over the ball. Bo Dennis is back at one guard.

The defense looks strong. Tackle Herb Beck plus ends Dave Hess and George Hays are stickouts, as is middle linebacker Gene Tanzosh. Mike Burke, Dave Schweizerhoff and Ed Rotella bolster the frontier. Todd Detar and Tom Mills will fill in at linebacker, with sophs Steve Panik and K.C. Keller offering help, along with Al Minite.

LEHIGH—Everything came up roses for John Whitehead and his Engineers last fall as they finished powerfully and captured the NCAA Division II Championship.

Can they repeat? That'll take some doing and some luck. First, Whitehead must replace Mike Rieker who tossed for 3152 yards, good for 31 touchdowns. But Whitehead does have 29 lettermen back, including super-catch Steve Kreider, plus most of his powerful offensive line.

Kreider caught 72 passes, 19 for TD's. Fullback Matt Ricketson returns to do the heavy ball-toting, while tight end Don Van Orden mates with Kreider. The tackles are in good hands—Andy Vandergrift and Dave Melone, with Rick Adams over the ball again.

Defensively, tackle Eric Merrill is a good one. So are the regular linebackers Jim McCormick and Bill Bradley. The deep backs again are Dale Visokey and Carl Reese with a sprinkling of lettermen available, including Jeff Dunn and Andy Robinson.

Tom McClain and Bruce Rarig lend linebacking support, while Jim Pieczynski and Eric Yaszemski will battle it out to pair with Merrill at the tackles.

Jim McCormick is an outstanding punter, while Ken Wood is a crack placekicker. Lehigh may not go all the way, but John Whitehead will win his share of games.

BUCKNELL—The Bisons suffered through another 4-5 season, with a lack of depth hurting in the games against such bigger foes as Colgate, Rutgers and Lehigh. Still, Bob Curtis has hopes for '78, for he installed the Wing-T last year, and feels that this season it should pay dividends. He also hopes that the injury bugaboo which flattened last year's machine is more sympathetic.

Some 25 lettermen return, including leading rusher Joel Boyd, moved to halfback, plus Al Simmons and Mike Cosimano, all starters in the backfield. Paul D'Aloia, who saw considerable service and Dave Spisak also are back. They'll be taking handoffs from Glyn Lipp, the returning QB regular. His passing has improved.

Up front, the center again will be Jim Tomeo, with Mike McDonald filling one tackle slot. Jim Hislop, John Campana, Darren Ford and Al Wehrhahn will be battling for the guard spots, with Tom Henry probably mating with McDonald. Brian Shaf-

fer and Paul Sant'Ambrogio will split the tight end role, while Cal Lawrence and Mike Cody, out with injuries, are ready to divide split end duties.

Defensively, Bruce Keltie is set at one flank, with Dave Collins, Fred Dunlap, Dave Hibbard and Al Wegener fighting for the other spot. Linebackers John Cieslewicz and Joel Kreider return to halt the enemy again. So are Don Kelley and Len Bucher, who sat out with injuries.

Gary Vidmer, Craig Morrison, and Mike Cortez return in the secondary, with Craig Holland working at safety again.

If the Bisons stay healthy, they'll surprise some folks.

LAFAYETTE—It's a big rebuilding job for Coach Neil Putnam, for he must replace 12 starters from his 5-6 club. Defense will be the big questionmark, for the front and linebackers are gone.

Only defensive personnel returning up front are end Tim Gerhart and tackle Jon Best. John Leible might mate with Gerhart, while Steve Hamer and Jim Cartellone will fight it out for the vacant tackle. Mike Weber will be the middle guard. Brent Beyer and Larry Richardson are the lone Leopards who have had linebacking experience.

The deep secondary looks solid, with Jim Medes at safety along with Bob Rasp and Dave Shea playing a corner. Steve Boyanoski will probably play the other corner.

QB and tackle are problems on offense. Junior Gary Uzelac will get first crack at QB. Mike Fritz and Scott Sautter will battle him for the job. Fritz has a gun. Angelo Giombetti is fleet in the open field, with Karl Sivek and Ed Rogusky fighting him for the tailback spot. Brian Musician returns at full. He's solid at 212. Glen Vereb backs him up. Top receiver again is Max Shoemaker who caught 42 last fall.

Rich Smith will be at tight end, with Sam Clement at the split spot. The rest of the line must be rebuilt, with Jack Green anchoring the group from center. Tim Uglov returns at guard. His mate will be either Dan Everett or Andy Bramnick. Putnam has shifted Ned Roebuck into the tackle gap. Others are Kevin Lohr and Ray Garganio.

The kicking game will be exceptional. Dave Heverling is a soccer-style record-holder, who booted 14 field goals. Dave Page is a solid punter.

The Leopard ranks look thin.

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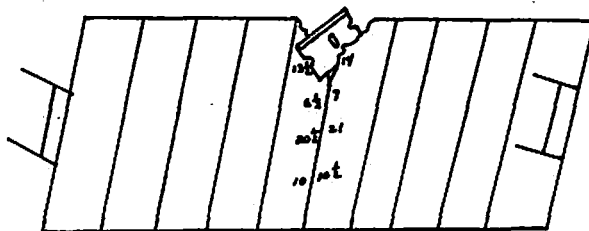
MASSACHUSETTS—Defensive co-ordinator Bob Pickett has taken over the Yankee Conference champ Minutemen from Dick MacPherson, who opted to the Cleveland Browns staff.

Pickett should present a strong defense in his drive to repeat, led by linebacker Joe McLaughlin. Co-Captain Bruce Kimball, all-America guard, will lead the attack.

There will be 30 returning lettermen, but 13 starters (eight on offense) are graduating. Ends, tackles and running backs are needed, as are middle guards and safetymen on the "D".

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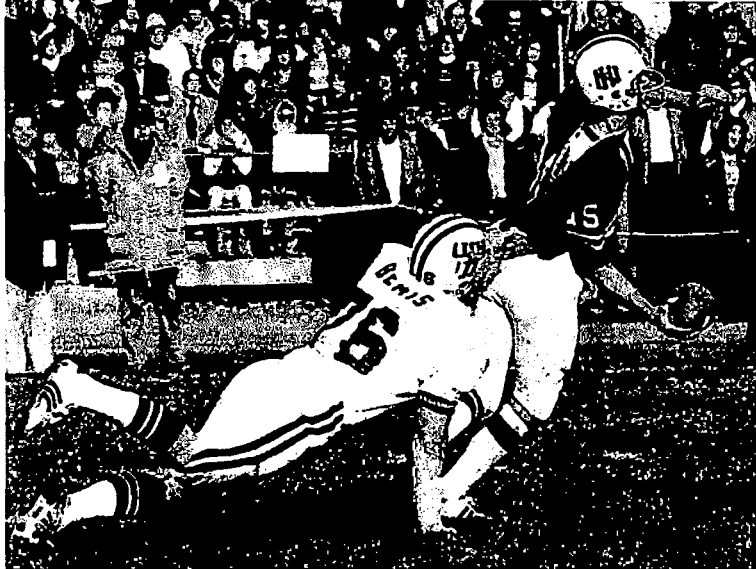
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DAVE BEMIS, Massachusetts tackle, pins 10 yard loss on New Hampshire QB JEFF ALLEN in Yankee title game.

Working with Kimball up front will be center Mike McLaughlin, another returning starter. Chris Kurtz will probably fill at split end, with Karl Nyholm and Dick Bouley working at the tackles. Alec Westerlind or Steve Wojes will be at the other guard, with Bob Pinto serving at the backup pivot.

The quarterback could be Mike McEvelly, with Hank Sareault returning as the fullback starter. Dennis Dent might be the flanker with Chuck Balboni filling out the running back corps.

Defensively, Pickett hopes to find a linebacking mate for Joe McLaughlin in either Gordon Stevens or Bob Wilson. At the corners, he'll station Kevin Sullivan along with Todd Holt or Steve LeMay. Steve McInnes will battle Kevin Maguire for the vacant safety role.

Up front, UMass will line up John D'Amato at one flank with Steve Telander, John McDonald or Pete Stevens at the other. Dave Bemis will work at one tackle with Dunc Gillen or Todd Davis at the other.

Holt, Telander and John Beerworth, a safety, were sidelined most of last fall with injuries.

Depth again looks like a problem, and the schedule seems even more ambitious than usual. Still, if the strong incoming recruits can be hitched up to the returning nucleus, the Yankees might produce a modern ring to "Pickett's Charge."

NEW HAMPSHIRE—The Wildcats, who were in the hunt last fall right up till the final game, suffered heavy graduation losses, including seven first-team all-Yankee picks.

However, Coach Bill Bowes still has 29 lettermen returning to form a very solid nucleus. There are five starters back on each platoon.

Senior Steve Wholley, who sat out last fall with a fractured leg, will probably inherit the QB spot. He'll be pushed by Tom Leavitt and Denis Stevens. Several toters will try to take over at tailback where record-wrecker Bill Burnham held forth. Bill Coleman, Tom Delozier, Paul Ingui are a trio who rushed for more than 200 yards apiece last year. Add George Cappadona, and the tail spot looks well cared for.

Fullback is a concern, though Bill Cameron, Chuck Sullivan and Skip Swiezynski promise to give it a try. The flanker should be Dave Loehle, out with a bad knee last fall. Tom Bauersfeld will back him up. Tim Benson, Joe Johnson and Frank Keough vie for the split end spot, with Tom Ruffen, who started at flanker, moving over to tight end. Doug Romano, Jim Lyons and Jeff North are three large sophs behind him. Starters back up front are center Don Wohlfarth and tackle Dave Kelly. Phil Estes and Phil Hamilton worked some at the guards, while Paul Kelly could take over the vacant tackle.

Defensively, the big question is at end, where Doug Gray is the only letterman. Tom Kilianski, Mike Halligan, Dean Joyce and Steve Hirons will fight for the other spot. Joe Marinelli is one fine tackle, while Bill Logue, Jack Wolpe and Tom Vasta are available.

Inside linebacker might be the strongest spot in the club, with Mike Marchese and Greg Donohue returning. They led the league last fall. Tim Confrey will be at one outside spot, with Terry Schrepfer and Mike Lago working at the other. The deep backs were hard hit. Frank Mucci returns at one corner, with Pete Gaspary, Mike Peart and Dean Gillis all hoping to move it. Sean McDonnell, out of school, returns at safety, along with Mike Gooden.

BOSTON U—Rick Taylor is viewing his second season at the helm of the Terriers with "cautious optimism." This despite the fact BU was 3-7 last fall, and lost some very talented people at the skilled positions.

Still, Taylor thinks "We'll have better balance and be more competitive. And more experienced."

There are 23 lettermen still on the premises. Offensively, guards Bob Almeida and John Cochran, tackle Bill Casagrande and center Bill Welch all return. So do tailback Mal Najarian, and fullback Phil O'Brien. Najarian gained 455 yards rushing in the last four games and should be able to pick up from there.

The receivers look strong. Among those returning are Jim Sturges and Pete Smolenski at the tight spot. Mike Lonneman at the split, and flanker Greg Jones. Only returnee with QB experience is Art Smedberg. Paul Coucci and Jim Jensen are other possibilities.

Defensively, the Terriers have Sam Stepney at one end, with Neil McGrath at the other. Mike DeGenova and Tom Pierzga are at the tackles, Tom coming over from offense. The young linebacker picked up a good deal of experience last fall and they include Stan Dargan, Wayne Clarke, Brian Pagliaro, Joe Gregos, Omar Lopez and Mike Kelleher. Dyke Hoy is the lone returnee in the backcourt.

Some other strength will come from those back off the binnacle list. End-linebacker Jay Alicudo hurt a knee early, while running back Jay Yancey and receiver Junior Guy sat out of football.

Some junior college transfers should beef things up too. Among these are tackle Bob Speight (6-5, 255), Phil Canelos (6-3, 250) linebacker Jack Flore and deep back Dan Delia, Taylor is happy with his incoming freshman class, too.

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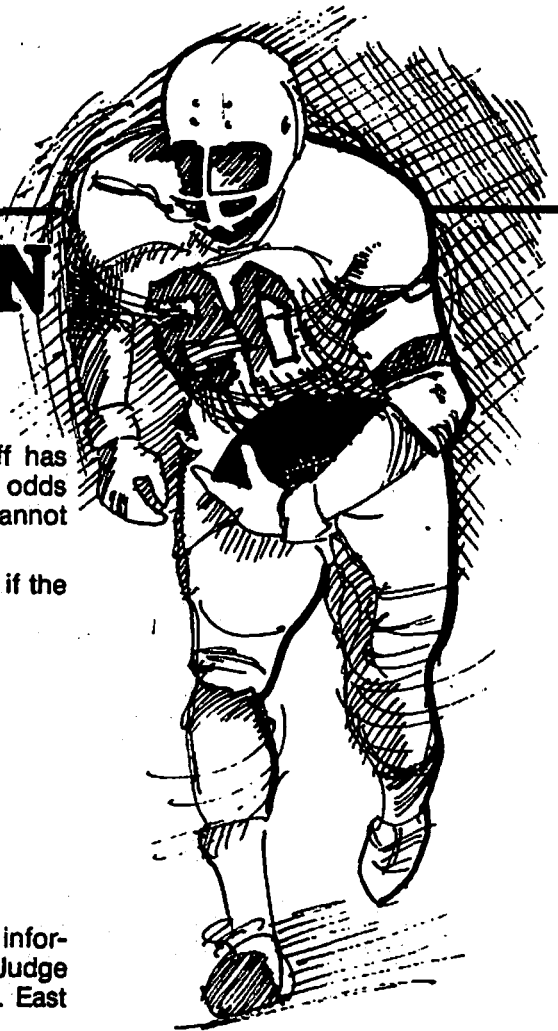
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Another ready to serve again is placekicker Ron Verrilli. He should be able to make another big contribution.

RHODE ISLAND—There will be 36 returning lettermen greeting coach Bob Griffin as he attempts to continue to improve the Rams' grid program, one of those that took a large jump last fall, going from 3-5 to 6-5.

Heading up the offense will be Steve Tosches, one of the East's top quarterbacks. He was the ace passer in the Conference, tossing for 1200 yards, and hitting on 55.8 per cent. Senior Mike Bailey and soph Greg Meyer back him up.

LeRoy Shaw, one of the top rookie running backs, is set to deal more woe to the enemy as the Rams' tailback. Joe Brooks will be at full, with Chy Davidson and John Rodgers lending depth, as will Mike Feeley. Rob Welsh and Dave Frageorgia, top pass-grabbers, both return. Slot back Lorenzo Henderson will be moved to a wide-out spot, with Steve Cimalore manning the Flanker, along with Jim Duggan.

The offensive line will be led by Guard Pete Sinagra and tackles Dave Bernard and Dennis Heck, with Matt Curran over the ball again, center Mike Oliver and guard Gerry Starsia offer depth.

Defensively, tackle Dick Bell will lead the charge. He's 6-4, 261 and a legitimate all-East. Tackle Paul McNulty and middle guard John Wallace are fellow veterans, with Charlie Babbitt in reserve. Soph Mike Cruise and senior Mark DiGangi will work at the ends again, backed up by Bob DiSano.

Tom Marhefka is an experienced linebacker, making 144 stops last fall. He'll mate again with Ben Bottone. Three starters are back in the secondary—Estes Benson, John Weber and Eli Wallace. Rick Viall will handle all the kicking chores.

The schedule looks tougher, though some eye-filling incoming frosh should help. Among these are John Tolento, a full back-tailback-end, linebacker Larry McPhillips offensive tackles Tom Ballerino and Dave Conlin, defensive lineman John Ellis, end Keith Ring and running back Jim Miller.

MAINE—With seven starters from offense walking the graduation gangplank, coach Jack Bicknell finds himself with a major rebuilding job on his hands. On top of that, it's a tougher chart that the Black Bears will be facing, with such added starters as Dayton, Delaware and Lehigh on the slate.

Still the nucleus from the defense is back, led by captain and linebacker Chris Keating. He's a good one. He'll mate with Tom Rasmussen. Safety Dave Harrison returns as does Mike Cosgrove at a half-back spot. Up front, such holdovers as tackles Joe Lipinski and Tom Keahon, nose guard Jay Kelly and end Tom Warren lend experience.

The QB job is between Tony Trafton, Butch Emerson, or John Tursky, the first two seeing limited service last fall. Up front, Co-capt Bill Leroy is solid at one of the guards while tight end Mike Hodgson also returns.

John King, Tom Sullivan and Rich Leonard should be able to handle the tackle slots. The



MARK FLOOD, left, 6-4, 210, is one of Connecticut's top defenders. TONY CATAPANO is veteran offensive guard.

running back and wide receiver spots present yawning gaps. Steve Wood returns to do the punting, while Hodgson has a talented placekicking toe. Mike Gerber, a monsterback, also kicks. It looks tough for the Bears to improve on their 3-7 log.

CONNECTICUT—Walt Nadzak received a rather rude introduction to Yankee Conference football last fall, with the Huskies able to cop only one victory in 11 games.

Still, he's hopeful of putting together a more improved defense, for a solid nucleus of lettermen return. The "D" should be led by senior linebacker Dennis O'Connell and soph end Mark Flood.

Other defensive letter-winning returnees are end Scott Neir, tackles Steve Beal, Joe Kalinowski and Jon Konecny, nose guard Dan Coleman, linebackers Art Christiani, Bill Cusick, John Lis, and Gene McDonnell, plus such veterans in the backcourt as Ted Walton, John Webb, Steve Rose and Darrell Wilson, plus safeties Tony Volpe and Jay Pasqualoni.

A pair of promising incoming frosh should jump the offense several notches. Quarterback Ken Sweitzer (6-3, 185) was Connecticut's scholastic player-of-the-year, while running back Ray James (5-10, 194), is a 9.4 speedster out of the state of Louisiana.

Guard Tony Catapano is the top lineman returning up front. He'll mate with Warren Nesteruk, with Bill Leahy or Tom Ney centering. Al Chaney, Pete Przekop are back at the flanks, with Derek Henderson and Frank Graziano at the tackles. Kerry Marshall and Joe Addison lettered at tailback, while Phil Pomposi and Reggie Eccleston are back for more wing duty. Robin Anderson has had fullback experience.

The Huskies should have more speed and quickness, but it still looks like they're quite a few football players away from reaching the .500 mark.

LITTLE THREE

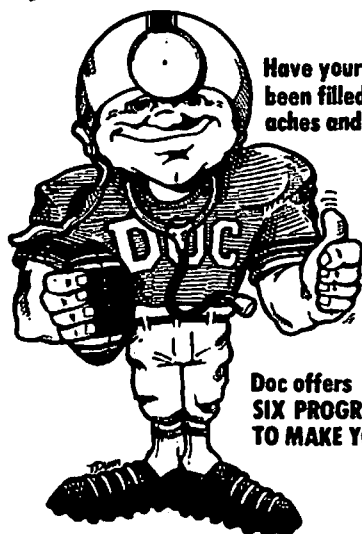
WILLIAMS—The Little Three crown has pretty much been permanent party in the Ephmen's trophy case since Bob Odell came to Western Mass. And 1978 could mean an extension of Williams' domination in this hard-fought rivalry, for Bob can suit up 16 starters from last year's 5-3 array.

Keys to the season figure to be fullback Gus Nuzolese, the team's leading rusher and total offense leader and Greg McAleenan, crack defensive back who made eight interceptions. Mac will again work

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with rover Mark Eckert, corner Mark Gerry and Andy Krakaur and Long Ellis in the backcourt. John Thiel returns, too, to back up the line.

Offensively, Dave Massucco will mate with "Nuzz" to handle the running back chores. Bob Lutz may be able to step up and take over at quarterback. Flanker Ken (Hollywood) Hollingsworth is a slick receiver, who also does the placement work.

Depth, again, will be a problem, so injuries must be held to a minimum. If Odell can fill his quarterback spot successfully, the Ephmen should be on their way again.

WESLEYAN—This should be an improved flock of Cardinals, with coach Bill MacDermott having the luxury of greeting nine offensive starters and eight from the defense. This nucleus went 6-2 last fall, and was only eight points away from an unbeaten season.

QB John Papa, fullback Bob Latessa and halfbacks Dennis Robinson and Spike Cooney return in the backfield intact. Robinson gained 517 yards, a 5.2 average, to lead the Card rushers. Papa can also punt and placekick, besides directing the traffic. Tim Fitzgerald is an ace receiver, while Kevin Bristow is a fine lineman.

Defensively, the secondary will be sound again, all experienced. End John Bozzi, tackles Sandy Herzlich and Jeff Vose and nose guard Tony Basilica will make it tough for rivals to move the ball. Linebacker Neil Fitzgerald is a bellringer.

If coach can find a tight end and a solid linebacker, the Cards just might go all the way and capture the Little Three Crown.

AMHERST—With the male enrollment down from 1200 to 800 to satisfy the ambitions of going co-ed, the Lord Jeff grid future could be bleak. Coach Jim Ostendarp had them going for a Little Three crown last November, until Williams nipped them in the traditional finale, 21-13.

Back from a successful 5-2-1 campaign is junior QB Mark Manning, who'll be dealing the ball off again to fullback Mark Newton, Art Hyde, at 6-2, is a fine tight end, while Dave Stebbins (6-3, 245) is a tough tackle, as is Dave Haswell (6-4, 235).

Defensively, Russ Isaac and Scott Ketcham are solid citizens up front, while Doug Moses is a seasoned linebacker. Monsterman Paul Harasimowicz is again ready to make slashing tackles.

The Jeffs will be combative, but depth is bound to be a problem, especially if the squad suffers a lot of injuries.

SMALLER INDEPENDENTS

GETTYSBURG—When Joe Sabol quit, the head coaching reins were turned over to Barry Streeter who had been the defensive co-ordinator. He immediately announced that he'd install a winged-T attack, going to the air more.

The offensive frontier is experienced with such solid citizens up front as guards Harry Davies, John Cavolo, Zach Osborne, Andy Medico and Jed Horowitz plus tackle Jay Jordan. Center is up for grabs,

with Matt Victor coming off injuries fighting it out with Kevin Doyle and Bob Scarabino, Bob Regan and Ed Williams will split the tight end duties. Jim Sims will be the wideout.

QB could be a problem, with Bob LeComte, last year's No. 2, probably moving up. Bill Wagner and John Murphy are also in the picture. Jim Bixby and Eric Nelson are able fulls. Chuck Warner, Jon Scott, Al Shrader and Chuck Wise will do the halfbacking.

Defensively, there are voids at end and safety. Ken Kilkuskie, Con Sommers and Kevin Mahoney probably will see duty at the wings, with Craig Swanson and Dick Darian returning at tackle, and Jon Robbins and Kevin Kiesel supplying depth.

The linebacking has depth and quality. Dick Swartz, Tom Thurber and Tom Librizzi have experience inside, while Dick Burke and Ken Wiblitzhouser are seasoned on the outside. At the corners return Rick Rubio and Tim Chatburn. Joe DeLutis should move in at safety, with Ken Howard pushing him.

Dick Eppelman is an outstanding field goal kicker, with Chatburn and Wagner doing the punting.

TRINITY—Don Miller will be greeted by a solid nucleus from last year's 3-5 club that basically was weak defensively against the rush.

Among those who return on offense are QB's Mike Foye and Gary Palmer. Foye hit on better than 50 per cent of his aeriels. Leading rusher Paul Votze also is back, as is much other ball-toters as Jim Rickert, Jon Olear and John Flynn.

Top receiver Pat McNamara also returns, as does Bill McCandless. Bob Plumb, 12th in the nation in punting for Division III with a 38.6 average, will do the kicking, while McCandless will be ready for placekicking chores. Tom McGowan, the team's leading interceptor, is back to charge up the defense.

ROCHESTER—Pat Stark has lost eight starters from his 6-3 eleven of last fall, but he still hopes for another strong club in '78. His son, Rick, now a senior, returns to direct the Riverman's attack along with backup John Kowba.

With heavy-duty rusher Mike Corp gone, Pat will turn over the ball-toting to regulars Sam Shatkin and Dave DeNero, plus backup Leo Fusilli. All are 190 to 200 pounds and can shed a tackler.

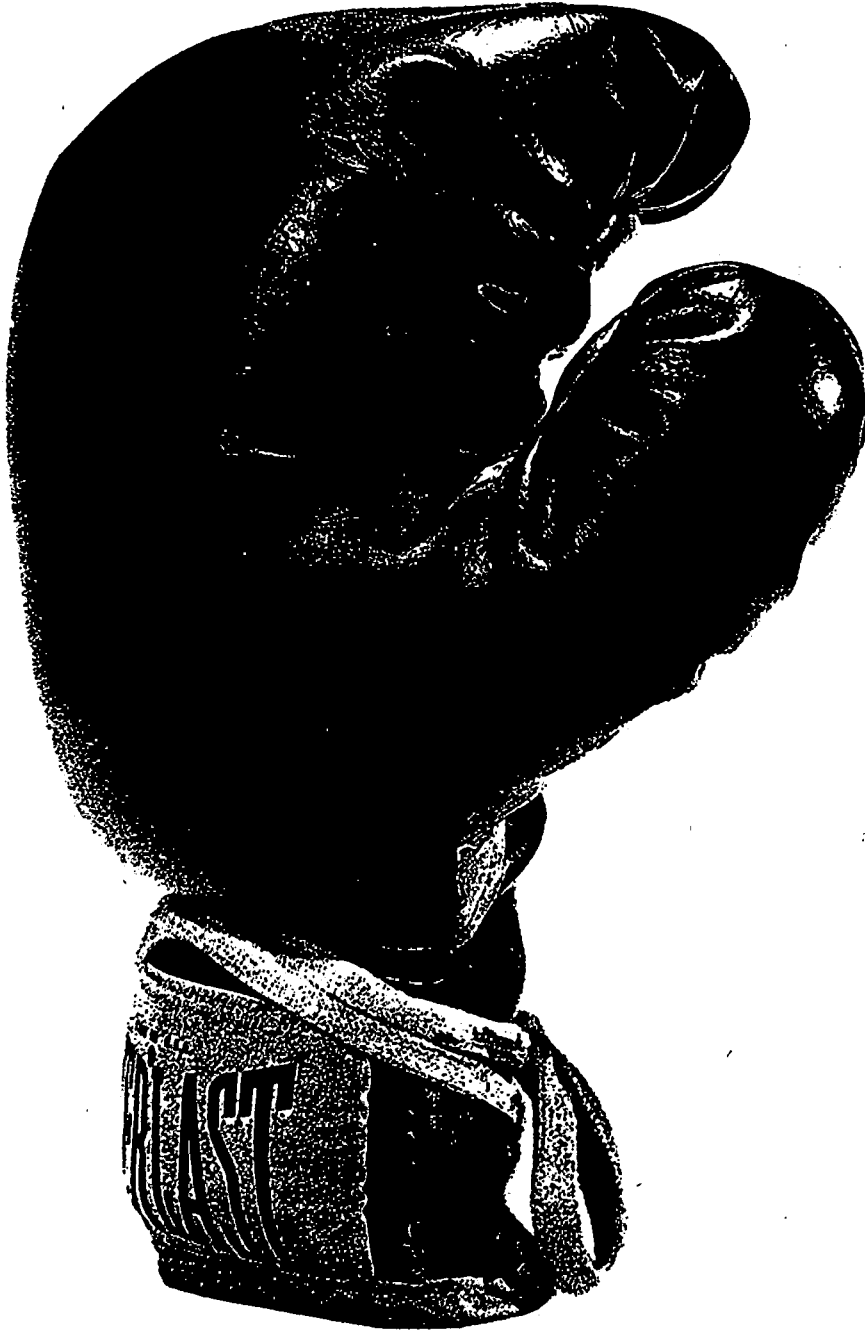
The defense looks strong. John Antonelli is a fine middle guard, while the Newman brothers—Phil and Mitch—again will work the flanks. The offensive line could be Stark's biggest headache.

HOFSTRA—The Flying Dutchmen have "souped up" their schedule with a date in the Meadowlands' big stadium in New Jersey plus home action on the new Super-Turf gridiron.

Bill Leete will be able to call upon 34 lettermen, plus some fine new talent. The prospects suggest improvement on last fall's 6-3 log. Top returnees, include offensive backs Keith Huff, receiver Ed Gebhardt, plus big offensive linemen, Mike McHugh, Keith Lawless, Bill Etherson and John Walsh.

Defensively, the ends and the secondary must be replaced. Nose Guard Ken DiMicco, linebacker

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CANISIUS—If Coach Bill Brooks can plug a few offensive gaps, he'd feel more optimistic. Leading rusher Ed Wolowiec returns at fullback, while quarterbacks Jerry Mann and Kevin Karwath are back to split the action. The flanker will be Mark Lloyd, with either Pete Baumgardner or Dave Lasky at tight end. Ken Rusin, Paul Shoeneck, Tom Taylor, Herm Wooten return up front.

Defensively, end Mike Gee, linebacker Jim Golegely and nose guard Ron Stein should be stickouts. A pair of switches from the defense—Mike Vavonese and Jimmy Winfield—should straighten out the tailback slot.

The schedule appears tough again and could prevent the Griffs from improving on last fall's 5-2-2.

COLBY—The Mules return some key offensive personnel in tailback George Dolan and split receiver Paul Belanger. They're two of New England's finest.

And last year's 1-7 machine often had 15 to 20 frosh and sophs, so a good many gridders gathered experience.

Tackle Bob Dorval and Safety Gerry Teeven pace what shapes up as an improved defensive platoon. Other key lettermen are Steve Celata and Joe Ciota.

TUFTS—Nineteen starters are among 29 letterwinners who'll be returning to coach Paul Pawlak. Mark Buben (250) heads up a strong defensive front. Middle guard Terry Richards (240) is rugged, too. Linebacker Jim Ford and safety Russ O'Brien are other key members of the platoon.

QB Chris Connors who passed for more than 900 yards will trigger the Jumbo offense again. Don Leach, John Casey and Tracy Maclin are set as targets. Mike Band is the leading runner and will play alongside of fullback Tom Levesque. Speed is a problem. Co-Capt. Bob Lederman and Curt Johnson are seasoned offensive linemen.

ALBANY STATE—Bob Ford drove his Great Danes to the NCAA Division III semis and a 9-2 record, but he must replace seven regulars to keep it rolling. The deep secondary has been the hardest hit.

Brad Aldrich will handle the signal-calling spot, and he can fire again to his talented ends, Scott Lusher and Ed Sellers. Leading ball-toter Sam Halsation also is back as are fullbacks Mike Miribella and Bill Ruggles.

The defensive front looks solid, with Steve Shoen, Dave Mathis, Jim Dignan and Ed Tranholm all set again. The kicking game is up in the air, and depth is a problem throughout.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT—Coach Bill Loika will build his new Blue Devil attack around QB Jim Taft, tight end Jim Lewis and speedster Meredith Payton. Tackle Bob Cummings is outstanding defensively.

Beefing up the receiving corps, plus finding some

solid citizens for the offensive line look like the top coaching priorities. They were 7-3 last fall.

Defensive end Jay Contessa, center Jim Ames, running backs Rich Zink and Don Peterson head up some of the other holders.

SPRINGFIELD—Howard Vandersea put together a 7-3 machine last year, the third straight winning campaign for the Chiefs. Another strong team is predicted.

Tops in the defensive trenches will be Dave Magazu, Brad Maserjian and Mark Heidebrecht. Hank Hughes, Don Jalbert, and Mark Harri-man will handle the linebacking, while Tim Murphy and Greg Smith will be at the ends. Jack Quinn is an "All" strong safety.

The offensive line returns pretty much intact. Ends Jon Cherry, Rick Kelly, plus tackles Ron Rix and Jeff Blatnick should lead the charge. Pete Watson, Charlie Fisher and Mike Saviano will divide quarterback duties. The rest of the backfield is very young. The incoming recruits look powerful. But they had better be, for the schedule looks tough.

COAST GUARD—There are 38 lettermen returning to help Coach Bill Hickey knit a solid unit together, though he does lose nine starters. Mark Feldman, who threw for more than 1000 yards, will lead the offense again, with wing Alex Simonka and tight end Vic Kelley being the main receivers. Guard Jay Butler and tackle Bob Atkin, are large ones up front. Bruce Hensel and Mark Guillory give bulk to the attack. Fred Pendleton and Jim Wright can tote the mail.

Defensively, the Cadets have two brilliant linebackers in Rod Ansley and Dane Egli. The ends will be manned by a veterans Mike Amonson and Chalmers Brothers. Eric Amberg will be at one corner, with Mike Bright setting up in the free safety slot again. Dale Chittenden is a fine strong safety.

Simonka, Brothers and Kevin Krumdieck will handle the kicking game.

GEORGETOWN—Despite a 2-7 mark last fall, there's optimism on the Hoya campus, where Scotty Glacken will greet 19 of 22 starters and 29 lettermen. Defense again is the big questionmark.

Senior QB Bob Sitz owns most of the school's aerial records and will operate the wishbone again. Senior Clayt Wagner and soph Kevin McGuire will be his chief targets. A pair of Andys—Murray and Blood—plus Steve Scheuerle will do most of the ball-toting. Joe Gaul, Dave Elliott and Keith McCormick are seasoned up front. Paul Zimmerman leads the linebackers. while safeties John Davis and Bob Gorence also return. But cutting down the foe's 200 points is the No. 1 concern.

ALFRED—The Saxons finished up strong, and therefore Coach Sam Sanders has high hopes to improve on 4-5 record. Leading rusher Jim Bundy returns to spark the offense, along with Dan Mikel and Bill Magee, as well as Bill and Bob Schuster. Bob can pass, while Bill can catch.

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Bundy, with 904 yards, is only the second Alfred back to top 900 in a season. Others returning to lend experience and depth are Bob Durr, Lew Barker, Don Gallup, Mike Poley, Mark Best, Doug Nolan, Roy Evans, and Tracy Webster. Kicking could be a problem, but Sanders' system should be fully installed.

C.W. POST—Dom Anile has guided Post to 10 consecutive winning seasons, including last fall's 5-3-1. He'll build his '78 team around defense again, with end John Mohring being a bulwark. Linebackers Jack Luchsinger, Tom Van Buskirk and Bill Bodkin are back, and will be supported in the back court by Luther Williams, Andy Logue and Dehart Washington.

Bob Perry and Lou Buschi will be prominent signal-callers again, with Tony Anzelmo handling tight end along with Bill Gunter. The schedule is tougher, with NCAA Division II champion Lehigh being added to the chart.

HAMILTON—Nineteen lettermen return to veteran Don Jones this fall and should elevate the Continentals' 2-6 mark of last year. Co-Capt. Bill Romaine is an outstanding runner and will key the attack. He'll mate with Mark Annunziata and Jack Koelbl. Soph Phil Greenough should QB.

Defensively, Ricky Mobley is a whiz in the deep secondary, and he'll get help from other vets, Pat Wedlock and Jim Leeper. Joe Saraceno and Bruce Treen are linebackers to watch, with Stan Scott and Jim Kizielwicz outstanding up front.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL—Tom Gilburg must rebuild. Gone from last year's 8-1 machine are 15 seniors. His major problems are quarterback and the offensive front. Center Pat Thorogood and full-back Ed Turner should lead the attack, while Linebacker Jerry Fiacco and deep back Joe Fry are solid on the defensive platoon.

Some other lettermen being counted on are Joe Campagna, Gerry Gilfoyle, Bill Knapp and Dave Schlager in the offensive frontier, and Mike Ciali, Ted Hawke, Ken Kissinger, Ken Pederson, Chuck Young and Ed Van Dolsen in the defensive trenches.

ITHACA—There's optimism here in the land of the Bombers of Jim Butterfield. Only three starters are gone from last year's 6-3 vehicle, and there's talk that this might be Ithaca's best.

Matt Mees, solid full, is the school's fifth leading rusher though Matt has two years left. He'll mate with rapid John Nicolo, QB Steve Manning and Flanker Steve Ludwig.

Guard Tom Burlin, center Bill George, and tackles Tom Hansen, Steve Ferguson and George Giardano key the escort up front. Terry Coholan again will be the tight end, with Bob Edson working split.

Glue-fingered Scott Colton in the secondary and tackle John Schiemann pace the defense. Pete Giordano, Dick Timpano, Don Phillips and Larry Schunk will work with Schiemann, while backing 'em up will be John Laper, Rick Jordan and Dan Dougherty. Tom Darling again will place kick, with

Tom Hansen doing the punting. The Bombers will be going for their eighth consecutive winning season.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT—The Owls won four in a row last year after an 0-5 start, then dropped their finale. Ball-carrier Mike Jones, QB Tom Flaherty and receiver Gary Hurley return to fuel the attack. Center Scott Shepard and guard George Barone anchor the line up front.

Defensively, nose guard Bob Monteiro, tackle Mike Newman and end Brian Bove all return. They'll be backed up by Wayne Jackson and Wayne Flenke, with Larry Tassone and Mark O'Connor again sharing deep responsibilities.

CATHOLIC U—Coach Joe Pascale's Cards earned a 5-4 mark in their first season of Division III competition. Junior QB Steve Stanislav is back, insuring fine passing. Sammy LoFaro heads up the ball-toters. Leading the defense will be such vets as Dave Muirhead, Mike Hubert, Matt Burgess, Jim Hollister and Bobby Fontana.

MIDDLEBURY—Eleven starters are gone from last fall's 7-1 club. Key returnees will be QB Matt Winslow, who hit 60 per cent of his passes and Jay Moore who caught 24, six for touchdowns. Frank Kettle again will snap the ball. Dave Howell, Fran DeLuca, Mike Haynes and Bob Marchesi will battle for running back berths, with John Brennan a promising soph.

Linebacker Skip D'Aliso, tackles Eric Kemp and Dave Barton, plus safety Larry Petzing are the solid members of the "D". Tackle John Underwood, linebacker Paul Kelleher and deep back Jim Ancey are sophs who may help.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL—Bob Burke has 16 returning starters, including four solid backs to operate the attack. This experience should add up to a quick start.

Mark Strange, Tony Bostick and Bob Bramble, under the direction of QB Ray Borup, should spark a high-octane offense. Nine defensive starters return.

Strange was the top AIC rusher. Mike Phillips heads up the defense from his linebacking spot. The kicking should be solid, too, with both place-kicker Jim Vallis and punter Tom Kelliher returning.

NORTHEASTERN—A more difficult schedule stands in the way of Coach Bo Lyons' Huskies improving on their 3-6-1 of last fall.

Lyons has a solid nucleus of veterans available, led by tight end Dan Ross, who latched onto 60 passes last fall, second most in Division II.

A pair of quarterbacks—Allen Deary and Bill Pinto—should be able to direct the option-oriented attack. Both can run and throw the ball, too.

A steady halfback—Mark Nemes—will provide the ball-carrying threat, while linebacker Jim Walsh, who made nine big interceptions, will pace an improved defense.

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EAST STROUDSBURG—The Warriors have a 'triple threat' but in their case it applies to three players not just one. The Detzi triplets, linebacker Joe and offensive linemen Jeff and John, will be entering their fourth and final season. The team's strength should be defense with three-year All-Conference linebacker Jeff Johnson (6-1, 225), tackle Jack Shrawder (6-4, 240) and end Bill Bergen. Tackle Art Boorujy and fullback Dave Bingham are the top offensive returnees.

KUTZTOWN—The Bears were the surprise team of the conference last year with a 7-2 record, best in the school's history, and an Associated Press Little All-America first team player in senior guard Steve Head. With Head gone, the offensive line must be rebuilt. The backfield will be solid with Mark Verica at quarterback and Ron Day (699 yards) at halfback. Defensive bulwarks should be tackle Frank Flizack (6-1, 215) and middle guard Mike Ludwig.

MILLERSVILLE—The Marauders won their first Eastern Division title last year, but may be hard-pressed to repeat. Gone is all-time passing leader Carmen Lex (1629 yards) and All-America cornerback Bob Parr. A quarterback must be found to throw to top wide receivers Aaron Wyley (35-702) and Don Humphrey (34-506). Leading the defense will be top tacklers Chuck Bachert, linebacker, Mike Marcks, middle guard and Bob Riddick, cornerback.

BLOOMSBURG—The Huskies will be tough to score against with a solid defensive nucleus in linebackers Howie Gulick and Doug Pfautz, end Kurt Pettis and All-Conference back Chris Betterly. Top rusher Mike Morucci (100.6 yards per game) and capable pass-catcher Ed Bugno are back, but help is needed on the offensive line.

CHEYNEY—The Wolves could have the biggest and baddest defensive lines in the conference in Mike Brown (6-4, 280), Ted Barfield (6-4, 240), Leo Graham (6-1, 245) and Tom Inge. However, Coach Billy Joe's team needs more firepower on offense. Aaron Mitchem is a four-year starter at halfback while Roy Brooks earned All-Conference honors at offensive tackle.

MANSFIELD—Joe Bottiglieri, a former assistant at Lafayette, takes over as head coach. The team's offense features the running of tailback Neil Evans (90 yards per game) behind a line headed by All-

Conference Jim Boyd (6-2, 215) at tackle. Linebackers Jeff Longacre and Bill Forsythe, nose guard Mike Lippy (6-3, 225) and defensive back Bob Vagonis are the team's best on defense.

Western Division

CLARION—The Golden Eagles, defending champions, should be tough again. Defense was the team's strength in 1977 and back are All-Conference linebacker Doug Hallock and top interceptors Mike Miloser, who had eight, and Paul Cooper, seven. Workhorse running back Gary Frantz (763 yards) and kicker Bill May (67), will lead the offense.

SHIPPENSBURG—The Red Raiders should be strong offensively with ten starters back. Tops are tailback Fred Glasgow (771 yards), a two-time All-Conference selection, and quarterback Scott Knudson, starting his third season. Tackle Joe Kachnoskie (6-3, 212) and guard John Morabita (5-11, 215) will anchor the offensive line. Linebacker Bob Mancini and back Tony Noble top the defense.

SLIPPERY ROCK—The Rockets should send bombs bursting over opponents' secondaries this season with a strong passing game. Back are quarterback Mike Sachire, who fired for 1090 yards last season and top ends Bob Schrantz (6-3, 220) and Eugene Faqua (6-3, 170). Tackles Bob Takacs (6-2, 245) and Herb Allen (5-10, 225) and middle guard Joe Pais are the keys to the defense.

INDIANA—Pro scouts will be checking the Big Indians to watch two-time All-America defensive end Jim Haslett (6-4, 230). His top companions on defense will be tackle Joe Cugliari (230) and cornerback Mark Sartori. The offense will be built around the running of tailback Ed Gonzales, who gained 523 yards with a 5.8 average.

EDINBORO—The Fightin' Scots have plenty of experience with 40 lettermen returning. Best of them is two-time All-Conference linebacker Jim Krentz (6-2, 225). The team has an effective passing attack with quarterback Mike Hill and wide receiver Bob Jahn. The running attack must be bolstered, however, or All-Conference punter Dan Fiegl (39.3 avg.) will see more action than the coaching staff would like.

LOCK HAVEN—The Bald Eagles' new coach, Jack Fisher, has 34 lettermen from last year's 5-5 team, headed by tailback Steve Housler, who rushed for 1058 yards including 225 in a single game. Also back are fullback Charles Lucas and quarterback Dan Spittal (1249 yards). Defensive standouts are end Willie Manville and safety Brian Morrow.

CALIFORNIA—The Vulcans need help up front, both on offense and defense. Running back Chuck Fisher (4.8 yards per carry), tackle Mike Kucerovy (6-3, 205) and wide receiver Will Alexander are the top offensive returnees. Linebacker Bill Seidel and defensive back Jack Durant are being counted upon on defense.

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Game No. 1
Texas ran up 477 yards of offense with their new veer formation. QB Dan Fouts destroyed SC. The Longhorns held SC until midway through the game. Boston College 0-10

Game No. 1
Only 5 Cougar fumbles kept the game as close as it was as they marched up and down but couldn't break it. Fine game by QB Davis who held SC to a first down.

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Punts
Fumbles-Lost
Penalties-Yds.

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LAST YEAR'S GAME—Nov. 6
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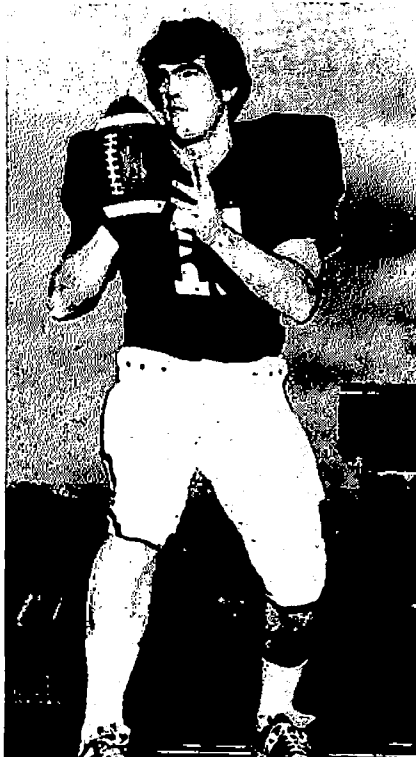
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Houston (ML) 30, Texas 0
Houston brought TCU back to reality after two consecutive wins with a trouncing. Texas has been averaging just under 300 yds. rushing per game in their domination over opposing defenses. The Cougars have not been burned by the run if they haven't been stifling one.

PREDICTION: Texas 21, Houston 9

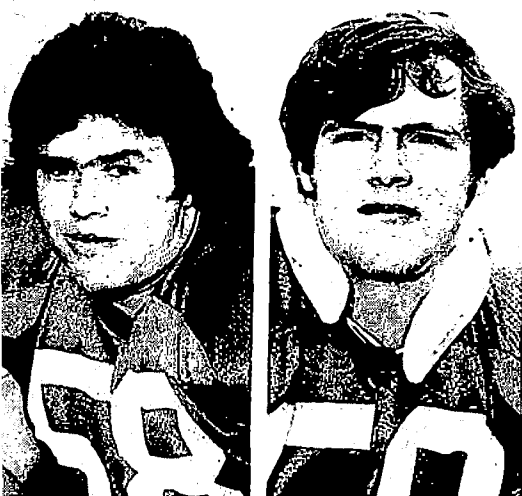
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MARTY LYONS, left, 250-pound tackle, and end WAYNE HAMILTON, right, are standout defensive stars for Alabama, which boasts a fine quarterback in JEFF RUTLEDGE, center, who passed for a total of 1207 yards in '77.



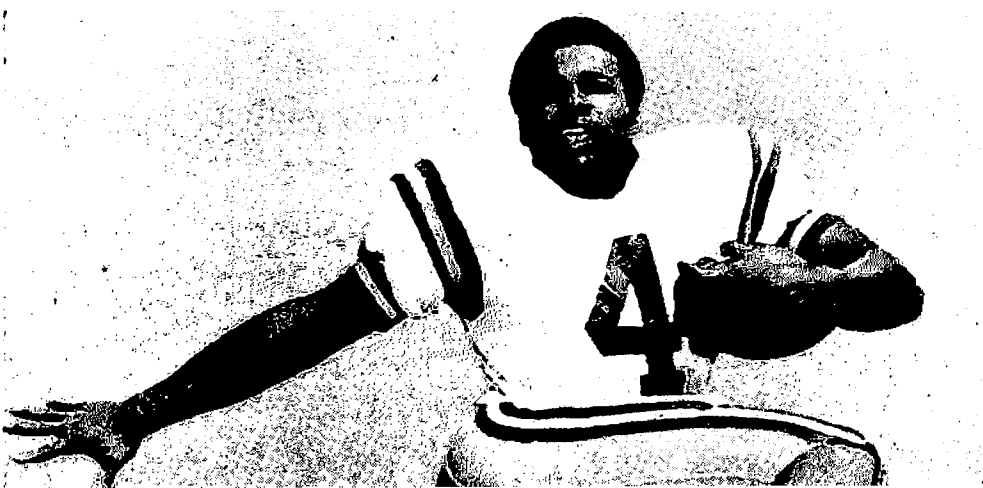
JIM KOVACH, left, shores up Kentucky linebacking crew and RICHARD JAFFE is a powerful middle guard.

JIM MILLER, nation's punting champ in '77 with 3029 yards barefooted as soph and CHUCK COMMISKEY who anchors Ole Miss line.



STEVE ENSMINGER, LSU quarterback did well as soph netting nine TDs and near 1000 yds. passing (44.7 complete).

CHARLES ALEXANDER Heisman Trophy candidate broke LSU rushing records.





By Tom Siler

Sports Editor of the Knoxville News Sentinel, Tom Siler has wide knowledge of deep South football activity.

Deep South

BRYANT AND CRIMSON TIDE KEEP ROLLING ALONG TO SWAMP SEC AND OTHER FOES

PREDICTIONS

Southeastern Conference

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Alabama | 6. Tennessee |
| 2. Kentucky | 7. Mississippi State |
| 3. Louisiana State | 8. Georgia |
| 4. Mississippi | 9. Florida |
| 5. Auburn | 10. Vanderbilt |

Independents

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Florida State | 5. Tulane |
| 2. Georgia Tech | 6. Southern Mississippi |
| 3. Miami | 7. Louisville |
| 4. Memphis State | 8. N.E. Louisiana |

Ohio Valley Conference

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| 1. Tennessee Tech | 4. Murray State |
| 2. Austin Peay | 5. Morehead State |
| 3. Eastern Kentucky | 6. Western Kentucky |

Gulf South Conference

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| 1. Jacksonville State | 6. Nicholls State |
| 2. S.E. Louisiana | 7. North Alabama |
| 3. U. Tenn-Martin | 8. Livingston |
| 4. Troy State | 9. Delta State |
| 5. Mississippi College | |

Same song, one more verse. On and on goes Alabama campaign to "search out and destroy."

Coach Paul William Bryant is unrelenting in his harassment and annihilation of football foes in the South, especially in his own Southeastern Conference.

Age seems to make Bear just a bit more effective. At 65, he is moving into his 21st year as head coach at his alma mater, the Crimson Tide is once again an overwhelming favorite to win one more conference title, which would be his seventh in the past eight years.

In Bryant's 20 years 25 head coaches have come and gone in the league. None could handle Bryant and the Tide. In this decade he has been more deadly than ever. After a 1969-70 sag Bear reeled off 14 consecutive SEC victories, lost to Auburn, won 20 more in a row, lost to Ole Miss and Georgia and now has 11 straight. Bear's 1971-77 mark stands at 46-3-0.

The old guard has proved it cannot whip the master. LSU's Charley McClendon has two wins in 14 tries. Florida's Doug Dickey has no wins in four shots at Florida, but did clip Bryant three times when he was at Tennessee. Vince Dooley managed two triumphs over the Tide in six games and Miss.

State's Bob Tyler is winless in five attempts.

Now, a fresh crop of younger head coaches will be trying to crack the Alabama monopoly, John Majors of Tennessee, Steve Sloan at Mississippi, Fran Curci at Kentucky and Doug Barfield at Auburn. Curci was undefeated in the league a year ago, but did not play Alabama. Sloan was 0-2 as Vandy coach, is new with the Rebels. Barfield lost his first two starts to Alabama and Majors dropped his first try with the Vols.

But if Bryant is to be headed off this side of retirement—he says he will coach until he's 70—it's up to these youngsters. The others already have flunked the Bear-trapping test.

In fact, Bryant and Alabama concern themselves more with national affairs. Last year Bear blew a national championship shot by losing to Nebraska, but the manner in which the Tide obliterated Woody Hayes' Ohio State team in the Sugar Bowl gave us a clue to 1978.

Jeff Rutledge, a blue-ribbon quarterback, is on hand again to throw, which he does well. He runs fairly well and gives the Tide senior leadership. Tony Nathan is the class of a fine stable of runners who will operate from a variety of formations, probably less Wishbone than usual.

Among the independents, Florida State is the team to beat. Coach Bobby Bowden led the Seminoles to a brilliant 10-2-0 campaign, including one-sided decisions over Florida and Texas Tech in the last two. The Seminoles had one of the best run-pass offenses in the nation. They will be very good again.

Georgia Tech, an in-and-out team in recent years, will be stronger, spurred on by admission to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Tech's football competition in that league does not begin until 1979. Miami is beefing up. The schedule is easier, but Miami hopes for big things in 1979. Coach Lou Saban had an excellent recruiting year.

Louisiana State isn't likely to whip Alabama, but Coach McClendon does have Charlie Alexander, 214-pound flyer who might win the Heisman Trophy. Alexander, a senior, ran for 1686 yards in 1977 and scored 17 touchdowns. He carried the ball about 27 times a game and probably will do so again. He is the class of the Dixie runners, but there are many other good ones.

Kentucky has 29 players returning from the first 44 of 1977 who had a 10-1-0 record, denied television exposure and a bowl date only because of NCAA probation. Derrick Ramsey, quarterback, and Art Still, taken No. 2 in the NFL draft, are gone, but

Curci's defense will be outstanding again. Curci hopes for a more varied offense as do many other schools which are featuring multiple offense with a dash of wishbone, veer, 'T' and pro set. Sloan's inherited 14 regulars from the Ole Miss team that defeated Notre Dame. You probably could throw a blanket over all others in the league.

Memphis State lives and dies on a versatile offense as engineered by QB Lloyd Patterson. Tulane is optimistic about its own rebuilding program.

Alexander and Rutledge are the area's top All-America possibilities. Nathan tops the list of other running backs which includes Bill Andrews, Auburn; Willie McClendon, Georgia; Randy Brooks, Kentucky; Kelsey Finch, Tennessee; and two others named Freddie Williams, one at Mississippi, the other at Kentucky.

Others high on the lists are: Martye McDole, Miss. State, and Martin Cox, Vanderbilt, wide receivers; Robert Dugas, LSU; Mark King, Miami, and David Crowell, Memphis State, offensive linemen; Dee Methvin, Tulane, Dwight Stephenson, Alabama and Chuck Commiskey, Ole Miss, center; Reggie Harper, Tennessee, tight end; Wayne Hamilton, Alabama, and Willie Jones, FSU, defensive end; Barry Krauss, Alabama; Scot Brantley, Florida; Kelly Kirchbaum, Kentucky; Fred Smith, Auburn; Ed Smith, Vanderbilt; Clump Taylor, Southern Mississippi, linebackers; Roland James, Tennessee; James McKinney, Auburn, Ron Myrick, Vanderbilt, defensive backs; Richard Jaffe, Kentucky; Ron Simmons, FSU, Jimmy Noonan, Tennessee, middle guard; Jim Miller, Mississippi, punter; Randy Bennett, Memphis State, and Jorge Portella, Auburn.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

ALABAMA—Don't let Bear persuade you that the creek has dried up and all the crops are burned and gone in Alabama.

The Crimson Tide, virtual monopolist of Southeastern Conference honors, powerful enough to turn Ohio State into a Sugar Bowl pushover, No. 2 in the country behind Notre Dame, is on stage, all set for an encore.

Some things are different. Ozzie Newsome is gone. Johnny Davis has, at last, relinquished the fullback role. Three offensive linemen are new.

But, Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant is cranked up for his 34th campaign. Jeff Rutledge will compete for All-America at quarterback. Tony Nathan hopes to get the ball enough this season to be ranked among national rushing leaders.

Defense is a strength. Only four Tiders were lost from a unit which permitted only 250 yards and 12.1 points per Saturday. The front and linebackers are a salty group.

Nothing keeps Bear from bleeding . . . out loud. On one hand, he's going for 42 more victories to pass Amos Alonzo Stagg. On the other, he's talking about leaving town.

"We've got to find some offensive linemen somewhere," says Bear. "I was probably stupid not to graduate with Ozzie and Johnny Davis."

The restructured offense will include powerful

Dwight Stephenson (224) at center and perhaps more powerful Jim Bunch (233) at right tackle. Both are all-conference types.

Moving to first-team among blockers will be Eddie McCombs (225), Scott Allison (240) and Vince Boothe (230). Next in line are Mike Brook, Dale McMillan, Tom Hufstetler, Bill Searcey and Joe Robbins.

Rick Neal (209), two-time letterman, and Tim Travis are one-two at tight end.

Bruce Bolton (170), nimble split end who beat the Buckeyes down the boundry for a Sugar Bowl touchdown, has inherited Newsome's position. Keith Pugh is capable, too.

Rutledge, MVP in New Orleans, accounted for 1518 yards as a junior in the Alabama wishbone attack. That's the second best set of stats in Tide football history. Jeff completed 59.8 per cent of his passes, had only five of 107 throws intercepted, all in one game, against Nebraska, on TV.

Rutledge was SEC player-of-the-week three times last fall. Even Bryant concedes Jeff is a right good quarterback.

Nathan is well above average as a running back, too. He led the league in gain per carry (6.2), scored 15 touchdowns, one under the school record for rushers. Now a 202-pound senior, Tony only needs the ball more to contend for national honors.

Mitch Ferguson (210) is a first-teamer, at halfback or fullback. Steve Whitman, Major Ogilvie, Lou Ikner and Billy Jackson are other top backs. Steadman Shealy, felled by a spring knee injury, is the No. 2 quarterback if he's well.

Take your pick on who leads Alabama's defense . . . end Wayne Hamilton (228), linebacker Barry Krauss (235), tackle Marty Lyons (250) or halfback Don McNeal (183).

Other returning regulars are strong safety Murray Legg (188), linebacker Rich Wingo (230) and tackle David Hannah (240).

Hamilton is 6-6, a tree of thorns for quarterbacks. He was an ABC-TV star in the Tide win over Southern Cal last fall. Krauss led Alabama in tackles (91), had 15 in one game.

Lyons is a bit more spectacular than his tackle partner, Hannah. Both can overpower blockers to get at the ball.

McNeal, one of the Tide's swiftest runners, leads the secondary which includes Legg, Ricky Tucker (170) and David Coleman (188).

Other starting positions appear to be tossups . . . Byron Braggs (260) and Curtis McGriff (265) slugging it out at middle guard and John Knox (205) and E.J. Junior (215) in battle at right end.

Supporting up front are Gary DeNiro, Mike Inman and Allen Connell. Randy Scott and Rickey Gilliland are capable linebackers. Second in the secondary are Mike Sutton, Bobby Smith, Allen Crumbley and Phil Allman.

Alabama's kicking game is in good hands . . . punter Buddy Holt and field-goaler Roger Chapman.

Bryant says he's worried about his offensive line, that there are too many people too near the same. Oh yes, he's plenty concerned about the schedule, even though eight of 11 foes must play in Alabama.

KENTUCKY—Some of the great gold nuggets of all-time are gone from Kentucky football but the mine is still in operation.

There's a new look in the Blue Grass because giant quarterback Derrick Ramsey and even larger defensive end Art Still have moved on but it should be a winning look.

Fran Curci has planned properly, recruited well and established a base for continuing success. Kentucky fans have learned to expect happiness on Saturday nights.

Mike Deaton (180) and Mike Shutt (194) are expected to fill the void at quarterback. Ramsey was more deadly than spectacular but he did throw for 892 yards and lead the 10-1 Wildcats in rushing with 618.

"We anticipate a smorgasbord offense with far more variety, more wide-open play, more passing than last year's full-house backfield," said Curci.

Deaton is a junior with a small scar. He left the team after his freshman year, disappointed that fame had fled. Mike talked seriously of transferring to Western Kentucky, visited, weighed the choice . . . and came back. Curci forgave.

Deaton, quick but not a Ramsey-type bulldozer, player enough as a sophomore to letter . . . in eight games, nine completed passes, a 40-yarder against Virginia Tech, a fourth-quarter hit against Tennessee that set up the winning touchdown. Shutt was better in the spring game.

Kentucky has talent and depth at running back. Freddie Williams (188) and Randy Brooks (185) are likely starters but Rod Stewart, offensive MVP in the Peach Bowl two years ago, Henry Parks and Chris Hill are competitive.

In Curci's expanded air game will be wide receivers Felix Wilson (175) and Keith Bethea (175). Wilson is quick, caught 14, scored three times last season. Doug Vescio and former running back Chris Hill are in reserve.

Greg Nord (217) returns at tight end. Dan Fowler (235) and Larry Petrovsek (230) are plenty powerful as offensive tackles. Tom Kearns (240) is again a starting guard. Ron Thomas (227) has replaced line leader Tom Dornbrook. Mark Keene (220) is the No. 1 center.

Part of the line strength can be traced to solid second-teamers . . . tackles Richard Jardine and Ted Peurach, seniors with experience, guards Terry Curry and David Bond, center Kenny Roark and tight end Scott Petersen.

If the quarterbacks come through, the attack will be better.

Wildcats are really wild on defense. They got a bonus in linebacker Jim Kovach, an inspirational field leader who went down with injuries last year and thought he was through. Kovach (225) decided he'd do it again, even though he's in med school.

Bud Diehl (213) and David Stephens (220) return as experienced ends (on the same side, Still owned the other). James Ramsey (225), Bob Winkel (220) and Tim Gooch (220) are veteran tackles. Winkel has started three years but missed last season with injury.

Middle guard Richard Jaffe (217) is outstanding,

a charger who finds his lack of stature no handicap. It was enough to cost him a host of scholarship offers but not enough to prevent all-star honors with the Wildcats.

"I have good balance because I'm built low," says Jaffe with a grin. "Incidentally, I'm 5-11½."

Kovach's linebacking partner, Kelly Kirchbaum (220) is a potential first-round draft choice, pro scouts say. Robb Chaney and Lester Boyd back up the starters.

Depth for the front comes from Graig Roberts, Earl Wilson (a future standout), Steve Hricenak and Chuck Jones.

Good speed and striking force are in returning cornerbacks Rich Hayden (193) and Larry Carter (180). John Bow (170) and Chris Jacobs (175) have advanced to be starting safeties. Behind that foursome are Robert Pitman, Venus Meaux, Greg Pahules and Phil Mobley.

New kicker is Jay Welch.

Kentucky is at a 25-year high in football. There is a greater ticket demand than ever before and more enthusiasm across the state than at any time since the Babe Parilli era.

LOUISIANA STATE—The Tigers have the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy, tailback Charles Alexander, an established offensive line to clear the trail and a fierce determination to run the football.

That combination should total the LSU's best record in several seasons. It may be good enough to earn Coach Charley McClendon a new contract, even a pay increase.

McClendon is on the hot seat at Baton Rouge. After the 1976 season, his remaining four-year pact was negotiated down to two. Even with the 8-3 success last autumn and the Sun Bowl outing, Coach Mac is not secure. Tiger fans demand a lot. This is a year of decision.

LSU has a gentle enough schedule, a chance for five non-conference wins. The team has confidence in its ground attack, was fifth in NCAA rushing stats. The defense is uncertain, rebuilding at linebacker and still trying to firm up soft spots in the secondary. Long-injured Clinton Burrell is hopeful he can help in this area.

The Tigers are decent at quarterback. Steve Ensminger (tall and 200) took the task as a sophomore, completed 44.7 per cent, netted nine TDs and almost 1000 yards throwing. He had an ankle repaired in the off-season.

Alexander dominates the offense. This 214-pounder with 4.4 speed got the ball 311 times last fall and did great things with it . . . 1686 yards, 17 touchdowns, school career record with a year to go.

"Charles is as good as I've ever seen," says Coach McClendon.

"He's as good as Earl Campbell," says Wyoming Coach Bill Lewis.

"If I had a Heisman vote, Alexander would get it right now," says Vanderbilt Coach Fred Pancoast.

The tailback hasn't been particularly tough on Vanderbilt . . . 152 one year, 183 the next.

"I've seen enough," said Pancoast.

LeRoid Joines (196) is the fullback. Mike Quin-

tela (186) plays splitback. The second backfield includes QB David Woodley, Hokie Gajan, Danny Soileau and Mickey Hubbell.

The Tigers have an unusual success story at split end, Carlos Carson (170), NCAA record-breaker with touchdowns on his first six receptions in college football. He caught only 23 in his sophomore debut but 10 went the distance (average reception 24 yards, above average speed and quickness).

LSU's offensive line is called "Root Hogs", self-inflicted. All-America hopeful Robert Dugas (261) sets the pace at tackle. His associates are William Johnson (237), John Ed Bradley (221), Jay Whitely (229, good center), Lou deLaunay (246) and Cliff Lane (230, tight end).

Linemen ready to help are Charles McDuff, Spencer Smith, Rocky Guillot, John Watson, Ed Stanton and tight end Sam McCage. Backing Carson at split end is Lionel Wallis.

The LSU defense is not solid. Too often the Tigers have been hurt by big plays and Coach McClendon is still seeking a solution.

Five regulars return, led by end John Adams (231), top tackler with 62, finder of three fumbles, active on pass rush, highly regarded all-around talent.

Tackle George Atiyeh (240) and end Kent Broha (225) are on the job again and strong sophomore Benji Thibodeaux (242) is expected to be an answer at tackle.

George Cupit (237) returns at linebacker but two starters are gone and Craig Hensley (211) and Thad Minaldi (224) have moved up. In reserve are linebackers Robbie Mahtook, Lyman White and Trip Holloway. Likely linemen are Jay Blass, Gary Radecker, Ivan Phillips and Willie Gunnels.

The secondary is young. Willie Teal (191) has been switched from corner to safety and sophomore Chris Williams (197) is now a starter where Willie was. Sophomore Marcus Quinn (196) is the strong safety. If Burrell can come back (and stay) after missing a year and a half with knee surgery, he'll be the other corner. LeRoyal Jones plays behind Burrell. Other defensive backs are Dennis Kimble, Brent Elkins and Norm Glindmeyer.

Mike Conway (six of 10 field-goal tries and 28 of 29 EP's) returns as place-kicker.

"We do have some problems but we are optimistic," says Coach McClendon. "We're going to move the football and score some points but we've got to strengthen our defense and cut down on the big plays that hurt us last season."

MISSISSIPPI—It's still early morning but a bright, new day is on tap for Mississippi.

Steve Sloan, a folksy, friendly football coach with a firm handshake and a habit of winning, has been putting the Rebel puzzle together since last December. He hasn't got it yet but you can see the sunrise.

Sloan understands his mission. He's supposed to get the picture the way it used to be, the Rebels out of the ranks of the also-rans into championship contention. He inherited some good players, considering the 5-6 record that figured in Ken Cooper's departure.

There are 39 lettermen, 14 returning regulars and the best pair of junior kickers in the country. Sloan and his staff recruited well on short notice. Key catch is supposedly quarterback John Fourcade out of New Orleans. Alabama and LSU thought they had him and neither appreciated the loss.

Sloan found another quarterback in the reject box. Roy Coleman was used as a receiver by the previous staff, caught seven passes, had modest stats. Roy finished the spring in hot pursuit of Bobby Garner (200). Some say the race will be the other way by the end of two-a-day drills.

Garner was the starter part of last season, but, relinquished the role to since-departed Tim Ellis. Garner's combined yardage was 690.

Excellent running backs are ready to go again, fast Freddie Williams (185) at tailback and Leon Perry (210) at fullback. Roger Gordon and Don Lloyd are also competitive and that freed Reg Woulard (187) for wide receiver. He may win the flanker job from returnee Les Kimbrough (170).

Ken Toler (180) and Eric Smith are split ends. Toler will be looking for his first varsity catch. He snagged one with the JVs last fall.

Curtis Weathers (6-6, 219) is a three-time letterman at tight end. He led the Rebels with 23 receptions, 395 yards and four touchdowns. He is potentially a powerful force.

Center Chuck Commiskey (6-5, 250) anchors the offensive line. Also returning are starters Jimmy Hawkins (244), Terrence Walker (245) and Mickey Tames (230). Fernando Harvey (250), parttime starter, is the tackle opposite Hawkins. Walker and Tames are guards.

Tackles Murray Whitaker and Dave Traxler, guards Gregg Jefcoat and Ricky Weiss, center Mike Russell and tight end Billy Wise provide depth.

Mississippi's defensive strength appears to be in the front five, starting with tackle Charlie Cage (240). As a junior, Charlie caught backs behind the line for 60 yards, was third on the team in overall stops. His best game was against Notre Dame and Cage won his school a TV scholarship for his special showing against LSU.

The Rebs' other defensive tackle, Lawrence Johnson is a healthy 255. Middle guard Brian Niebuhr is also a 255-pounder. Bob Greffeng (214) and John Pell (204) are the ends. Peel is the only newcomer.

Behind these standouts are Barry Kanuch and Quentin McDonald at ends, John Johnson and Rickey McAlpin at tackles and James Jordan at noseman. Jordan (235) may force his way into the lineup at some position, perhaps linebacker.

Eddie Cole (230), with 93 tackles and three fumble recoveries, returns as one linebacker. The other figures to be Brian Moreland (226). Eddy Householder and Conrad Kilpatrick are also interested.

Sloan seems uncertain about his secondary. Joel Stewart (190) returns at a corner and William Day (185) is again the free safety. Willie Burns (181) is on the chart at the other corner and Jon Fabris (198) has moved up to the No. 1 unit at strong safety.

Matt Phillips, Phil Freightman, Dan Caccamo and Mike Fountain are second on deep patrol.

Mississippi kickers are stars. Barefooted Jim Miller led the country with a 45.9 average and keeps hinting that he might add a light shoe and another 10 yards or so, for an All-America berth.

Hoppy Langley knocked in nine field goals and 19 extra points in his sophomore season.

AUBURN—Auburn has a contradiction in experience. Fourteen starters return, yet the Tigers have more sophomores than seniors in their lineup.

Coach Doug Barfield, ready for his third year of reconstruction, paid a price to have a young team with battle ribbons. His record is 8-14 but Auburn lettered 10 freshmen in each of the past two campaigns and now there is a base for better days.

"We are still a very young team but we feel we have some fine young talent," said Barfield. "We had four all-Southeastern Conference players last season and three were sophomores.

"Our offensive strength is at tailback and fullback. We have a start to a sound kicking game."

Auburn has a linebacker who could be an All-America. Fast Freddie Smith leads an aggressive defense in spectacular fashion. He set a school record last season with 114 individual tackles and 79 assists. He was game leader 10 of 11 times. He blocked a punt to set up a touchdown against Arizona and, on TV, picked off a Mississippi pass and scampered for a touchdown.

Freddie looked right at home on the 45-yard run. He should have. He came to Auburn as an all-state running back and offensive coaches flinched when Barfield put him at linebacker.

But, Smith (6-0, 204) made 17 solo stops in his first start and was national lineman of the week. Maybe the coach knew something.

James McKinney is the defensive quarterback. This junior safety (6-0, 195) coordinates the secondary and makes big individual contributions. He led the SEC in interceptions (five) and had a key role in Auburn's biggest victory, the 29-14 upset of Florida. McKinney had Wes Chandler as a project that afternoon and took two Gator passes in doing his job.

Alan Hardin (175) and Jeff Gray (176) are senior cornerbacks. Clifford Toney (180) is a sophomore strong safety. Jerry Beasley, Tim Wood, Jep Castleberry and Chester Willis can help the secondary.

Explosive Mike McQuaig (221) is Smith's running mate at linebacker. Behind them are Ricky Westbrook and Donnie Givens. This is a strong area.

Auburn is big up front defensively. Tackles Rodney Bellamy (6-5, 274) and Frank Warren (6-6, 281) and Middle guard Marshall Riley (243) discourage straight-ahead thrusts. Ends Zac Hardy (218) and Bob Rhodes (214) have more quickness. The second line includes ends Ken Hardy and Charles Wood, tackles Ricky Allen and Anthony Jones (280) and noseman Marvin Williams.

The focal points of the Tiger attack are tailbacks Joe Cribbs (190) and James Brooks (168) and fullback William Andrews (200). Andrews combines exceptional blocking ability, power, quick feet and hands of a pass-catcher. Old-timers say William is one of Auburn's best all-around backs ever, especially good as the lead blocker out of the I formation.

Andrews gained 635 (big games against Florida and Georgia) and helped Cribbs get 872. Brooks added almost 500 yards. Foster Christy is another capable running back.

Charlie Trotman (174) returns at quarterback with Hal King in reserve. Trotman took the job well into his freshman year and has some experience . . . 81 net yards as a runner, 23 of 47 pass completions and five interceptions to two touchdown throws.

Byron Franklin (180) returns at split end (team leader, 13 catches, 389 yards, three TDs). Mark Robbins (186) is the flanker. The new tight end might be Dick Hayley, Rick Dover or Mike Locklear.

Mike Burrow (256) is the leading offensive lineman, the right tackle. Mark Callahan (243) and George Stephenson (237) are the guards, Mark Clement (209) the center and Jim Skuthan (248) the other tackle. Skuthan and Stephenson are exciting sophomores.

The second line includes tackles Wayne Sullivan and Brad Everett, guards Phillip Hall and Tim Stowers and center Harris Rabren.

Other wide receivers are Rusty Byrd and Tim Davis.

Auburn's place-kicker is among the best in the country. Jorge Portella hit 15 field goals in 22 swings and five of his seven misses exceeded 50 yards. Jorge led the Tigers with 64 points. Punter Skip Johnston averaged 40.8.

TENNESSEE—Some say Tennessee had the finest recruiting roundup in the country. John Majors says this group and two more like it will make the Volunteers more like they were in the good old days.

Majors wasn't too impressed by last season. He tumbled from the Pittsburgh penthouse and the national championship to 4-7 at Tennessee. The Orangemen struggled to the final Saturday of the season before they won a Southeastern Conference game.

With nine high school All-Americans coming to camp, including defensive tackle Lee Otis Burton and the most backfield speed ever assembled at UT, Majors figures he is still shorthanded at several positions.

"The only way for us to be a decent football team is to claw and fight and scrap far beyond our ability," said the coach. "I learned to really appreciate last year's team because it did just that. I don't have that good feeling about this group, yet."

Tennessee's best players are quarterback Jimmy Streater (165), center Robert Shaw (233), cornerback Roland James (183), tight end Reggie Harper (205), linebacker Craig Puki (215) and middle guard Jimmy Noonan (215).

Streater is part magician, a thin man with pencil legs, quick enough to dodge damaging blows. He started most of last season, accounted for 12 touchdowns, hit 56.2 per cent of his passes (742 yards) and stirred the sellout throngs with big plays that rekindled memories of Condredge Holloway.

Kelsey Finch (207) and Nate Sumpter (194) return as running backs. Finch led the Vols with 770 yards. Sumpter gained about half that much but averaged 5.8 per carry. Frank Foxx, Jesse

Briggs and Gary Moore will help. Four freshmen will challenge.

Harper, faster than most tight ends, caught 30 passes as a freshman. Reggie has blocking skills for a sophomore. Kyle Aguillard (6-6, 215) is competitive at end.

Wide receivers are limited. Billy Arbo (195) is a veteran wingback (20 catches, 314 yards) who has become a tougher blocker. Marcus Starling (6-4, 210) is the likely starter at split end. He has more speed but less experience (a senior but never a catch in a varsity game). Jeff Moore, Ken Sanderson and Avery Huff are possibilities.

The offensive line is supposedly improved but far short of awesome. Shaw is an all-conference type but the senior leader suffered a knee injury in the spring and is questionable. Bill Marren (240), Charlton Webb (242) and Steve Porter (240) are top guards. Jay Williams (250), Phil Sutton (227) and Janis Tropovneiks (255) are best tackle prospects. Alan Lynn is the center if Shaw can't go.

James is a big-league defensive back, probably future pro. He has saving speed and size to support against runs. Puki is an inspiring hitter who missed all last season with a knee injury. He looks like the type to lead a defense but it hasn't happened.

Steve Davis (241) and Brian Ingram (212) are outside linebackers. Brad White (230) and Johnny Chavis (222) finished spring drills as the best defensive tackles. Noonan has all-star potential at middle guard, even though he is only 5-9.

"Noonan causes some confusion for opposing offenses," says Majors.

Behind the front five are Dennis Wolfe, Sam Prater, Tim Ford, Bill Christian and Terry Anderson. Wolfe has been a part-time starter and Christian can be.

Puki's partner at inside linebacker figures to be Lyonel Stewart (207) or Chris Bolton (210).

Clark Duncan (180) has speed to win in the defensive backfield. He's in a safety race with walk-on David Black and former quarterback Joe Hough. Val Barksdale can play if he's healthy.

Greg Gaines (181), Danny Martin (175), Chip Linebarier (190) and Junior Reid (180) are possible starters, along with James.

The Vols are starting over on the kicking game. Key loss is punter Craig Colquitt, 44.7 average, a sure pro. Hall of Famer George Cafego conducted a tournament for walk-on kickers in the spring but may get some help from a freshman.

Majors made a big spring issue of improving the punt-return game. The Vols produced only 60 yards last season running back 25 kicks. In recent seasons, Eddie Brown and Bobby Majors occasionally doubled that in one afternoon.

Harper got a try as punt-returner and proved tough to bring down. James, a good hurdler on the track team, is another exciting prospect.

Majors feels the Vols are some better on offense than last year and some worse on defense.

"I foresee us playing freshmen this fall and that means freshman mistakes," said the coach. "Hopefully, those errors will be made by bigger people moving faster and more aggressively."



KELSEY FINCH, Tennessee running back, is downed by Auburn's MIKE McQUAIG (52) and DICK FREEMAN (24).

MISSISSIPPI STATE—The Bulldogs allegedly have the best set of receivers in the Southeastern Conference. If Coach Bob Tyler can find a quarterback with a throwing arm, there will be less debate.

Speedsters Mardye McDole, Breck Tyler and Robert Chatman give State exceptional talent in the pass-catching department. Steve Wohlert, Dwayne Brown and maybe place-kicker Dave Marler are not so highly regarded as passers.

State seeks to recover from a disappointing 5-6 season. Bulldog running backs are good enough to win big. Quarterback is questionable. The offensive line needs considerable improvement to restore the team to championship contention.

Mississippi State, on defense, has strength at the safeties, four returnees up front and promising sophomores at several other positions.

Tyler didn't like last season. The Bulldogs were major disappointments, considering strong recruiting in recent years. There was unrest in the program, disciplinary action and coaching changes during the off-season. Tyler switched from the wishbone to the pro set during November past. State is staying with the open attack, will play three wideouts in many situations.

McDole could be the No. 1 attraction. He caught 29 as a freshman, produced 510 yards, won rookie recognition from at least one All-American selector. Mardye, 6-0 and 175, snagged seven passes against Alabama, six against Auburn and six against Ole Miss in a stirring finish.

Breck Tyler, son of the head coach, is bigger (6-3, 193) and almost as fast. He led the team with 21.2 yards per catch as a freshman and is an aggressive downfield blocker.

Robert Chatman (6-1, 170) is a senior flanker who won little fame during the wishbone days. He caught 22 as a junior. Swift David Ellis, if he recovers from knee repairs, adds talent to the receiver position.

Wohlert, 5-11, 185-pound senior, has apparently inherited the quarterback assignment. He red-shirted last season while Bruce Threadgill completed his QB tour, saving his final eligibility for this chance to start.

Steve is a nimble runner and improved passer but



KENNY JOHNSON, left, DB who had 67 solo tackles, and tackle LONNIE GREENE play major roles for Miss. State.

limited in range. Brown is bigger and younger and even more inexperienced. Marler, scoring leader with 13 field goals and 18 extra points, was a two-year quarterback at Mississippi College before transferring to State.

Bulldog running backs present quickness and power. James Jones (5-11, 195) is a flyer with a history of injuries (nine games missed in two seasons). Len Copeland plays tailback when Jones is out. Fred Collins (6-2, 235) and James Otis Doss (nicknamed Hoss) are the fullbacks. Doss was third in NCAA stats for kickoff returns as a freshman (16 runbacks, 450 yards), contributed a couple of hundred yards from scrimmage and holds the promise of much more. James Otis rushed for over 2700 yards in two sensational prep seasons.

The offensive line features guard Alan Massey (6-3, 240, starter in all 11 games as a freshman). Guard Matt Edwards (6-2, 225) is a fighter. Center Chris Quillian (6-1, 215) must get by on speed instead of bulk. Tackles are Steve Price (6-3, 260) and Robby Scholtes (6-5, 255). The second blocking front includes Mike Moffitt, Mike Edwards, Alan Hartlein, George May and Steve Jones. Bill Maxey (6-3, 205) starts at tight end. Bo Myrick can be a big help.

Safety Kenny Johnson, among the fastest in the SEC, is a 5-11, 170-pound junior. Strong safety Gerald Jackson (6-1, 195) is a winner, too. Henry Monroe (5-11, 180) and Richard Blackmore (5-10, 170) are projected as cornerbacks. Willie Jackson, a burner, is a key backup. Other defensive backs are David Bean, Randy Griffin and Randall Carr.

Johnie Cooks is a potential helmet-breaker as a sophomore linebacker, a powerful 6-4 and 220, starter in the last three games last season. Ricky Williams (6-2, 215) is his partner. Rusty Martin and Mark Brown are reserve linebackers.

Returnees in the defensive front include end Raymond Peyton (6-2, 225), tackle Tyrone Keys (6-6, 260), middle guard-moved-to-tackle Lonnie Greene (6-5, 255) and end Fred Pepper (6-2, 205), now challenged by Bobby Molden.

Jackie McCorvey (6-0, 225) is the new noseman. Capable of helping are end Don Edwards and down

linemen Chuck Maier, Keith Jackson and Hal Smith.

Jim Nabers returns a 39.7 average as punter.

GEORGIA—Back in the spring, when most football players were puffing through practice, Georgia's No. 1 quarterback was chasing fly balls and hitting home runs and explaining how it feels to be the two-sport son of a two-sport father.

Jeff Pyburn, distinguished junior Bulldog, has Jim for his dad. Mr. Pyburn was an Auburn All-America in football and a Baltimore Oriole in flapnels. He is now a Georgia coach.

Son Jeff (205) is supposed to take over the new 'I' where he left off in last year's veer when his knee buckled. Surgery fixed the joint and Coach Vince Dooley repaired his offensive thinking to eliminate a few fumbles (school record 57 in '77).

"I'm excited about our new offense," said Pyburn. "We ran the 'I' in high school and it's more natural for me. We lost the ball too much in the veer because a lot of handoffs are so near the line, there are quick collisions before backs get a good grip on the ball."

Most likely to get the ball from Jeff will be Willie McClendon (202), tailback who gained 705 as a junior in the shadow of now-departed Kevin McLee. Dooley wasn't sure Willie could make the formation switch but now the coach says McClendon will be outstanding.

Ronnie Stewart (195) is the fullback, a sophomore with 86 yards of college experience. Behind Willie and Ronnie are Donnie McMickens and James Womack.

New are wide receivers, Anthony Arnold (170) at split end and Carmon Prince (200) at flanker. Two tight ends return, Mark Hodge (223) and Ulysses Norris (226). Both have started. Sub wide-outs are Jay Russell and freshman Lindsay Scott.

Center Ray Donaldson (234) is a returning half-season starter. Tackle Mack Guest and guard Matt Braswell, starters on occasion last season, are now listed as second team.

The lineup includes tackles Jim Milo (231) and Tim Morrison (245) and guards Nat Hudson (245) and Jeff Harper (231), both sophomores. John Akacki, Charlie Fales and Ashley Madray provide depth.

Pyburn is supposed to provide firepower. The Bulldogs were 5-3 and leading Florida when Jeff was injured. They didn't win any more. In his shortened sophomore season, Pyburn rushed for 348 yards, passed for 312 and showed many promising signs.

Chris Welton is next in line at quarterback. Randy Cook and Davey Sawyer have played, too. And, Georgia has a hot freshman QB in Buck Belue.

Defensively, Georgia is without eight former regulars, including some three-year people from the famed "Junkyard Dogs" era. Only returnees are ends Robert Goodwin (207) and Gordon Terry (210) and tackle Louis Freedman (239). New up front is Paul Petrisko (240).

Steve Dennis (210) was a No. 1 end until dis-



JEFF PYBURN, left, hopes to stay healthy as quarterback for Georgia which has WILLIE McCLENDON to run the ball.

rupted by injury. He is now a starting linebacker, along with Danny Rogers (211) and Ricky McBride (205).

"Our situation is very similar to what we experienced in 1975," says defensive coordinator Erk Russell. "Maybe we did have a few more returning players with some game experience that year."

Up from reserves to regulars in the secondary are Scott Woerner (186), Jeff Hipp (188), Robert Hope (190) and Pat Collins (198). All have lettered. Woerner was 14th in the country last season as a kickoff returner. Hope got some starting experience when injuries depleted last year's deep defense.

Depth in the line will come from Nathaniel Nash, Tim Parks, Ralph Warthen and Pat McShea. Sub linebackers are Frank Ros, Mark Miller and Sam Fife. Roger Bennett, former running back Greg Bell, former quarterback Steve Rogers and Bob Kelly make up the second secondary.

Place-kicker Rex Robinson (15x16 EP, 10x20 FG) is a strength. Punter Mike Garrett (37.5) must improve.

"We are going to be an extremely young team, there's no way around that," says Dooley. "But, I'm excited about beginning the cycle of improvement."

FLORIDA—For the first time in a long time, this is not the Year of the Gators.

Because Florida faithful so often expect to win the Southeastern Conference championship and because the team always has fallen short, disappointments such as the 6-4-1 of last campaign cause shock waves.

It felt like an earthquake. The sand hills shook. Some said Doug Dickey was finished as head coach. There was a staff shakeup. Ex-Gators Steve Spurrier and Lee McGriff were called in to untangle the offense.

Terry LeCount, quarterback past, said there were too many chiefs and not enough Indians, plenty of talent in disarray, seniors going in opposite directions. It hurt to be bombed by LSU and Auburn but the real pain came when Florida State brought a big board to Gainesville and stretched the Gators' hide for drying, 37-9.

Ah yes, that was last year. Gone are Wes Chandler, Tony Green, two-thirds of the offensive line, defensive stars Scott Hutchinson and Charlie Williams. That ought to solve a few problems.

"We have as much work to do offensively as we've ever had in my years as a coach," said Dickey. "We have more veterans defensively but they must prove their intensity."

Dickey looked around in the spring and couldn't find any players with a legitimate claim to fame. Scot Brantley, linebacker with all-star potential, was a spectator, recovering from knee repairs. LeCount was jogging on the sideline, awaiting NCAA ruling on his appeal for another season of eligibility, based on the new (retroactive) freshman redshirt rule. He didn't get it and has gone to the N.F.L.

The Gators put away the wishbone and are leaning to pro-type attacks. The backfield is new. Lanky Cris Collinsworth (6-4, 184) and second baseman John Brantley are the quarterbacks. Cris is a snaky runner but his passing is suspect. John is older and may be a better field leader but skipped spring drills for baseball.

A pair of sophomores project as the ranking running backs. David Johnson (204) got the ball 44 times as a freshman, gained less than 200 yards. Terry Williams (199) can move but has not played. Tony Waters and Tony Robinson are next in line. Robby started some last fall.

John Smith (172) may start at flanker. Tony Stephens (181) is the No. 1 split end. Johnny Gafney got out of high school in time to show in the spring that he can help. Juan Collins is a hopeful.

Don Swafford (6-7, 235) and Mark Midden (237) are returning regulars in the offensive line. Swafford has switched from guard to tackle. Bill Bennek (240) has moved from sub guard to the other tackle. Midden and Gary Lenard (245) are starting guards. Doug Schroeder (245) is the center.

Challenging for time are tackles Ron Coleman and Wally Hough, guards Jay Johnson and Jim Subers and center Ray Lawrence. All are sophomores.

Bill Bell (210) and Van Jones are 1-2 at tight end. Neither has caught a pass in college combat.

Far more defensive Gators at least have battle grades. Assuming Brantley recovers completely, this 225-pounder should be outstanding. Scot was all-SEC last season and freshman-of-the-year in 1976. He made 113 stops last season and missed the final four games.

"We've had some great linebackers through the years, Ralph Ortega, Sammy Green and Glenn Cameron, and Scot Brantley is right there in the same league," said Dickey.

Michael DuPree (225) returns at one end. David Galloway (230) has moved up to start on the other side. Melvin Flournoy (239) is an established veteran at tackle. Dock Luckie (246) is a sophomore with talent. Behind that front four are Mike Clark, Dozyier Hinton, Harold Galloway and Greg Tennell.

Brantley is the middle linebacker. On the sides are David Little (216) and Bubba Pratt (210). Little made significant contributions last season. Yan-

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cey Sutton is a bright prospect among linebackers. He is deaf.

The secondary has experience but that doesn't relieve Dickey's nervous condition. Warren Gaffney, 1976 participant, and sophomore Tim Groves are probable cornerbacks. Derrick Burdgett (192), who started some as a freshman, may win the free safety job over Skipper Peek, who started some as a sophomore. Chuck Hatch (187) returns at strong safety. Kyle Coburn, Darrell Jones and Vernon James bring letterman experience to the defensive backfield.

The kicking game is new . . . new punter Bill Conover, new place-kicker Brian Clark, new snapper, new holder.

The team outlook is new, too. This might be a year for positive surprises.

VANDERBILT—"I wish we had 30 football players like Ed Smith."

Vanderbilt Coach Fred Pancoast won't find many Ed Smiths but he could use a few in the attempt to restore the Commodores from consecutive 2-9 failures.

Smith (220) is the middle linebacker, all-conference, lineman of the week for his valiant effort against Oklahoma last September. That's the day he suffered a serious shoulder injury but went right on playing, scoring 19 stops, 16 unassisted, in the near-upset. National honors came to Ed but the doctor advised restraint. Smith played the whole year, then had surgery.

"Ed Smith is the most courageous football player in Vanderbilt history," said Dr. Brant Lipscomb, long-time team physician.

Smith led Vandy in season tackles with 155.

Pancoast says linebacker is the strength of the squad. Randy Sittason (218) and John Pointer (209) return as starters and Robin Giltner, Ernest Cecil and Kenny Cole are capable reserves.

"We plan to stay in our three-linebacker scheme," said the coach. "The linebacker positions will definitely be the strong point of our defense."

The Commodore secondary has ranked second, first and third in SEC pass defense during the last three years and should be solid again. Strong safety Ronnie Myrick (190) is an all-star prospect and Walter (Bugs) Jordan (182) has experience at corner. Myrick was credited with 89 tackles and inflicted the first loss on Alabama fullback Johnny Davis.

Other starters in the defensive backfield will be safety Roy Williams (160) and corner Tim Barrett (187). Behind the first four are Curt Presley, Jim Sherman, Jack Chandler and Mike Hill.

The defensive line, an area of major concern, was shredded by graduation. Three multi-year starters are gone. Now on duty are ends Mike Gothard (233) and Tim English (216), both seniors, both three-time letter winners. Ricky Dean (229) is one tackle. The other is Rodney Gurley (239), sophomore who took charge in spring drills.

"We're young at defensive tackle," said Pancoast. "Five of our seven are sophomores."

Back of the front four are Bill Wilson, Brad

Sharp, Lee Edmondson and Rod Nickson.

The biggest question mark is quarterback. Mike Wright is expected to skip his senior season and play pro baseball. Scotti Madison is a prospect but missed spring drills for baseball. Former defensive back Van Heflin (216) comes into two-a-day drills as No. 1.

"Heflin is a superb athlete, was a fine high school quarterback, shows real promise," says Pancoast. "He is not yet a Southeastern Conference quarterback but he's come a thousand miles in that direction."

Vandy is strong at running back. Frank Mordica (198) returns at fullback. He led the Commodores' ground attack and has home-run speed (4.38 in the 40). Swift sophomores Eddie Hood (188) and Terry Potter (192) are battling for tailback. Curtis Lusk and Norwood Ervin are good ground prospects.

The Commodores got a big bonus when the NCAA wrote the retroactive freshman redshirt rule. Martin Cox (175), league leader with 48 receptions for 783 yards, is eligible again at split end. Charles Edwards wants the same job.

The same freshman redshirt rule gave tight end Hal Kemp (222) another year, too. Flavious Smith intends to share the position.

Preston Brown (185), fastest sprinter on record at Vanderbilt, is the flanker. He ran a 9.3 in high school track. Brown was a tailback much of last season but still caught 23 passes. He had a 100-yard kickoff return against Ole Miss and, for the second year, led the Commodores in punt returns.

Back of Brown is Roger Alsup.

Pancoast thinks offensive line improvement will show. Two sophomores, two juniors and a senior start up front. Tackles are Jeff Dungan (242) and Mark Matlock (248). Guards are Scott Ilgenfritz (226) and Mike Ralston (230). Center is John Wooten (224). Hopeful of helping are Tommy Woodroof, Loie Hudgins, Keith Phillips, Richard McMilion and Jerry Roberts.

Cody Whitt returns a 40.5 average as punter.

SCOT BRANTLEY gives Florida solid linebacker who was all-SEC in 1977.

CHUCK HATCH, defensive back, is a premier hard-hitting tackler for Florida.





PRESTON BROWN, speedy Vanderbilt flanker, had 23 receptions last year.

ED SMITH led Vanderbilt in tackles last year despite a shoulder injury.

Vanderbilt has eliminated the problem of opening with Oklahoma. This time, the opener is Arkansas!

INDEPENDENTS

FLORIDA STATE—When you've gone 10-2 in your second season as head coach at Florida State, what in the world do you plan for an encore?

Bobby Bowden says there are plenty of mountains yet to conquer, even in Tallahassee.

"We didn't finish in the top 10. We weren't undefeated. We didn't have a player make first-team All-America. We didn't win the national championship. This football team should have plenty of goals," said the coach.

Bowden completed a spectacular resurrection in such a short time. His Seminoles clobbered Florida, 37-9, and shocked Texas Tech in the Tangerine Bowl, 40-17. That was the 10th win, most ever by a major-college team in the state of Florida.

"This team could be better and more exciting but not have such an outstanding record," said Bowden. "We managed to sneak up on some folks last season. We won't have that advantage any more. We've gone from the hunter to the hunted."

FSU is missing 28 seniors from that transformation experience. Only five seniors are among the top 44 for this fall. One is Willie Jones (225), defensive end, maybe that All-America the Seminoles didn't have last year.

"After coaching Ross Browner and Art Still overseas last January, I sat down and seriously compared their talents with those of Willie Jones," said Bowden. "I came to the conclusion that Willie could hold his own with both of them. Since those two are gone, I must conclude Jones will be the best defensive end in the country this fall."

Another prize defender is middle guard Ron Simmons, 230-pound sophomore, national lineman of the week for his 19 tackles (five quarterback sacks) against North Texas State.

Also returning in the defensive front are tackle Walter Carter (240) and end Scott Warren (210).

Sophomore Mark Macek (235) has joined the group. Edenbur Richardson, Carlton Jones, Dmitri Rigas, Jeremy Mindlin and Robert Thompson must wait their turn.

Linebacking is not so solid but David Hanks (215) and Paul Piurowski (205) are expected to improve. Art Scott and Mike Stewart can help.

The retroactive freshman redshirt rule gave strong safety Mike Kincaid (175) another year. That helps. Hector Gray (190) and Ivory Joe Hunter (180) are cornerbacks. Bobby Butler (185) is the other safety. In hot pursuit are junior college All-America Willie Flowers, Ozzie Harrell, Fran Bondsorite and Mike Smith.

Returning regulars on offense are quarterback Jimmy Jordan (185), fullback Mark Lyles (232), tight end Grady King (205), center Gil Wesley (210) and tackles Nat Henderson (258) and Ken Lanier (260).

Jordan isn't sure of his job. The quarterback battle with Wally Woodham is unique. They are from the same high school, Leon of Tallahassee. Wally set the school passing record one year and Jimmy broke it the next. Jordan started four games last fall, had trouble against Oklahoma State and was replaced by Woodham . . . who started seven in a row. Jordan got back in the second quarter against the Gators, finished 13x19 for 240 and three TDs and was MVP in the bowl win.

Who's the quarterback?

Other offensive starters are split end Kurt Unglaub (175), flanker Jackie Flowers (195), tailback Greg Ramsey (170) and guards Mike Good (230) and Brent Brock (235).

Reserve runners are Keith Kennedy and Ernie Sims. Extra wideouts are Sam Platt and Phil Williams. Across the second line are Greg Futch, Trent Barnes, John Madden, Jeff Field, Tom Brannon and Bill Keck.

GEORGIA TECH—In the 11 seasons since Bobby Dodd put away his coaching cap at Georgia Tech, the once-feared Yellow Jackets have struggled through mediocre times that total 62-57-2.

Pepper Rodgers has had a hand in the developments. His four-year worksheet is 23-20-1. Pepper produced wishbone teams that thumbed a nose at the forward pass. Jokes were made about throwing a few in warmups so the alumni would be happy.

In seasons of considerable talent, the Tech wishbone did stuff the football down a few windpipes but defensive geniuses across the country finally found the answer . . . more tacklers in the combat zone than there are blockers.

It was Navy, last November, that convinced Rodgers he had to make a change. The Sailors defeated Georgia Tech with a 9-2 defense. It was frustrating to read the handoff correctly and go crashing off tackle into a mass of bodies wearing Navy caps.

Pepper has adjusted. The wishbone is in mothballs. The chunky little quarterback who, two seasons ago, executed the startling upset of Notre Dame, has been dispatched to the outer reaches. They now call Gary Lanier a wide receiver. He



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couldn't throw a pass and knew it.

Georgia Tech will try the I formation. There is still a question at quarterback. Ted Peeples (194) had the job all spring. He's a sophomore who threw well enough in high school.

Gary Hardie (5-10, 175) might get the assignment. He quarterbacked much of last season (72 rushes, 429 yards, 36 passes, 12 complete to his side, six to the opposition).

Tech has a super talent at tailback, Eddie Lee Ivery (210). Already he is the captain of the Yellow Jackets, representing the squad on the Tech Athletic Board. He broke the school rushing record with 900 yards last fall, averaging almost six per carry. He hauled a kickoff 97 yards against Notre Dame.

Fullback Rodney Lee (203) looks like a winner, too. He pounded out 780 yards and seven touchdowns and is also highly regarded as a blocking back.

Behind those two are David Allen and Ray Friday, far less distinguished. Steve Henderson, used as a freshman defensive back, is an add-on at quarterback. The scouting report says Steve is a good all-around athlete.

Bucky Shamburger (185), the other starting halfback in the old wishbone, is now the No. 1 wingback. He's more tough than talented and lacks big-play speed but did produce 378 yards as a junior runner. Dan Mann is behind Shamburger.

Drew Hill (5-9, 169) is the split end. He's the fastest of the Yellow Jackets, 9.4 in high school track, a finely coordinated player who will help more if he gets the ball more. His junior stats show seven receptions for 102 yards and two touchdowns. Back of Hill is Matt Murray.

Tech's strength is in the offensive line, assuming it can master the mystery of pass blocking, not a previously required skill. Mike Taylor (6-7, 266) and Kent Hill, some smaller at 6-6 and 258, lead a quartet of returning veterans.

Center Tom Daniel (226) and guard Terrell Osborne (6-6, 262) are battle-tested, too. New up front is Scott Simons (244). Tight end Donnie Sewell (233) is a letterman who has been promoted.

Georgia Tech shows a 5-2 look on defense and has made a major move to get bigger linebackers in the lineup. Mackel Harris, an All-America hopeful (6-0, 200), has been switched to end. That means Tech has more speed to the outside than before.

Harris has been a starter since a freshman, when he was second in total tackles. Last season, Mackel stopped 107 runners to lead the Yellow Jackets. Tackle Mike Blanton (248) is another all-star prospect.

Roy Simmons (273) switched from tackle to middle guard. Larry Reese (258) moved into Simmons' tackle hole. Richard Daykin (220) is the end opposite Harris.

New linebackers are Mike Helm (6-4, 223) and John Kelley (6-4, 215), both experienced but neither a starter in past wars.

Behind that front are ends Al Richardson and Shelton Fox, tackles Lynwood Volley and Mark

Bradley, noseman Ivey Stokes and linebackers Bill Haley and Henry Johnson.

Three-fourths of a good secondary returns . . . Don Bessillieu (190), Lawrence Lowe (197) and Jeff Shank (182). New on a corner is Ken Taylor (195). For depth, there are Steve Ellis, Robert Newman, James Marble and Darrell Heflin.

MIAMI—There is light at the end of the Miami tunnel. Coach Lou Saban can see it. After a crawling 3-8 experience, good things are beginning to happen.

Alabama, Ohio State and Penn State are gone from the schedule. That is very good . . . three times. Miami had what may prove to be the best recruiting catch in school history. The best part of that is homegrown Lester Williams, 6-5, 265, best prep lineman in the country. Lester looks exactly like a middle guard.

Defensive tackle Don Smith (6-5, 248) is the leader of the Hurricane. He's a quarterback catcher who got 10 as a junior.

"Don Smith has every skill of an All-America," says Saban. "He has to be ranked among the great players of '78."

Veteran Miami watchers say Smith will be in the league with past Hurricane greats Rubin Carter, Eddie Edwards and Ted Hendricks, each an All-America, each a first-team player in the NFL.

Miami's defense didn't do too well last season. It gave up almost twice as many points as the Miami offense could find. It is supposed to be better this time.

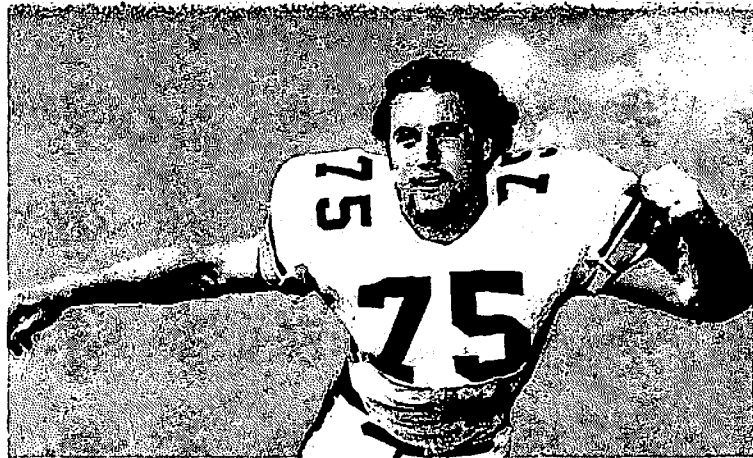
Barry Gonzalez (217) and Johnny Daniels (204) are outside linebackers. Tony Galante (237) pairs up with Smith as tackles. Pat Millican (229) is a senior middle guard.

Inside linebackers are Mozell Axson (221) and Herb Jackson (209). The secondary includes corners Gene Coleman (177) and Malcolm Simmons (185), free safety John Swain (183) and strong safety Rich Valerio (195).

The second front five has Charles Cook, Jim Browning, Johnny Evans, Pat McGee and Pete

MACKEL HARRIS, left, switches to DE this season and tailback **EDDIE LEE IVERY** will carry offensive load in 1978.





DON SMITH, 6-5, 248-pound senior, heads Hurricanes' defense from tackle, where he made 10 QB sacks in 1977.

Upperco. Next-best linebacker is Boisy Waiters.

Secondary strength must come from Brian Eastburn, David Jefferson, Mark Smith and Fred Azrak.

The offensive line is being rebuilt around Mark King (235), Karl Monroe (230), Tom Sedley (225), Charles Bloxsom (235) and Larry Pfohl (255). McKinney Griffin, John Fenton, John Ferguson, Robert Acra and James Pokorney are supposed to help.

Receivers return. Split end Pat Walker (190) caught 21 last season. Tight end Steve Alvers (236) had 14 receptions. Flanker Jim Joiner caught eight. Behind them are E.J. Baker, Broderick Bolton and Jeff Wright.

Quarterback Ken McMillian, 185-pound sophomore, had modest frosh stats . . . minus eight rushing and 38 completions in 70 pass attempts for 417 yards and three touchdowns. Jody Myers played less.

Multi-talented Ottis Anderson is the best running back. This strong senior (199) led the Hurricane with 782 yards rushing and caught 20 passes for 243 more. Taylor Timmons has ground talent, too.

Chris Hobbs (175) and Ken Johnson are one-two at fullback. Hobbs finished his freshman season with a flair and is very promising.

Punter Bob Rajsich got a lot of experience last season. He kicked 76 times for a 41.1 average. Alvaro Arenas is the place-kicker.

Saban doesn't think this is Miami's year. Later, he says. The schedule, improved, is still very difficult. There's a mean-looking late October date at Notre Dame.

MEMPHIS STATE—If Memphis State gets to October, this may turn into an acceptable season.

The Tigers are going to be underdogs to Ole Miss, Houston, Mississippi State and Texas A&M in the school's most demanding September schedule. It's enough to make Coach Richard Williamson a pessimist.

The Tigers do have some returning firepower, a backfield intact. Lloyd Patterson (175) is the scrambling quarterback who already holds a host of school records . . . single-season and career passing yardage, career total plays, career total offense, most touchdown passes in a season, etc.

Actually, Patterson's sophomore stats were bet-

ter than last year but he accounted for 1336 air yards despite a sub-par 43 completion percentage.

James King (185) returns at tailback and Richard Locke (194) is again the fullback. King gained more than 600 yards as a junior. The Tigers also have running talent in Eddie Hill, Leo Cage and Tony Glover.

One of Patterson's favorite targets, Ernest Gray (190), is again the wide receiver. Ernie snagged 28 (for a school record 826 yards, six touchdowns) and averaged a spectacular 29.5 per catch. Gray is sometimes used on kickoff returns.

Alan King (172) is the new flanker. Floyd White and Tony Hunt have speed and moves to help the passing game.

Russell Richards (202) is the starter at tight end with Erskine Stockard and big Ken Dunek (6-7, 240) planning to play some.

David Crowell (250) is the only old face in the offensive line. He's the left tackle. New are guards David Crowell (250) and Keith Orum (235), center Glenn Snodgrass (232) and tackle Randy Smalley (244). Giant tackle Ricky Jenkins (6-1, 300) returns but may play defense. Back of the starting blockers are Fred Heesch, John Clifton, Ricky Carman, Rick Snider and Jim Heenan.

The defense lost seven starters. Tackle Wayne Weedon (229), linebacker Tommy Bateman (192) and defensive backs James Stewart (199) and Judson Flint (201) are the returnees.

Weedon had 92 hits last season. Bateman lasted only three games before falling to injury.

New at ends are Keith Clark (232) and Keith Bowden (195) with Greg Clark and Brian Vanderheyden pushing for playing time. Big Jonah Daniel (289) fills a tackle hole and Peter Scatamacchia (225), parttime starter last season, is the middle guard. Supporting the interior linemen are Rick Ackerman, Dennis Smith and Ben Howard.

Derek Bell (182) or Michael Thomas will be the linebacker opposite Bateman. Steve Lincoln is competitive, too.

With Flint and Stewart in the secondary are Fred Webb (192) and Tony Graves (5-7, 152). Hoping to help are Carlton Peete, Jarvis Greer, Kevin Doak, Johnny Ray and Dean Nichols.

Rusty Bennett returns as place-kicker after setting school records for most field goals (13), longest field goal (59) and most in one game (four) in his rookie effort. Punter Hugh Owens also returns.

TULANE—Winning only five games in two seasons under Coach Larry Smith sounds discouraging, doesn't it?

Instead, the Green Wave is optimistic. Interest and enthusiasm are high. Nine starters are ready to go again on offense. Ten defensive regulars return.

"Most of our guys, 70 or 80 per cent of them, have their best football ahead of them," says Smith. "We've learned a lot about ourselves in the past two years. I think we came away from last season with a good self-image. The record was only 3-8 but we proved we could come back from the depths."

Smith doesn't expect miracles.

"Nothing good in football is going to happen over-

night. But, with work and an avalanche of good luck, better things are possible."

Roch Hontas, scarred in past years while scrambling for his life, is now a potential all-star as a junior quarterback. He's 6-2, 192, with the best accuracy statistics in the country . . . 63.4 per cent . . . 118 completions in 186 attempts, 1277 yards, five touchdowns.

Hontas should break the school career completion record in September. He set seven single-game records against SMU last season, 33 of 42 for 373 yards.

Alton Alexis (172) and Skip Charles (182) return as wide receivers. Alexis stretched 17 catches to 251 yards as a freshman and had 30 for 357 last fall. Darrel Griffin and Marcus Anderson can help.

Tailback Marvin Christian (198) leads the ground game. He became a starter at mid-year and finished with 691 yards, eight touchdowns and 16 catches.

Jeff Jones (198) or Notre Dame transfer Willard Browner (230) will start at fullback. Jones, as a non-starter, had 71 carries for 324 yards. Browner is 6-4 and an ideal power back.

Terry Harris backs Christian at tailback. Nick Hall plays behind Hontas.

Tulane's offensive line is together for the third year. Center Dee Methvin (253) is the leader, a starter since he was a sophomore. Pro scouts rate him outstanding as a pass or power blocker.

Percy Millet (260) plays right guard. Tulane backs like to follow those two up the middle. Gerry Sheridan (255) is the best tackle but Joe Silipo (274) can handle his side, too. Paul Mudrich (231) is the little guard. Joe Dunphy (212) has moved up to No. 1 at tight end.

Behind the starters are Jeff Carnes, Dwain Holland, Chuck Pitcock, Chris Doyle, Scott Morrell and Rob Indicott.

The top 12 tacklers of 1977 are in uniform. Wilfred Simon (212), sophomore middle guard, led in stop stats without getting in the opening line until the middle of his frosh year. John Ammerman (214) is the linebacker you'll hear most about. Coach Smith holds John in high regard. He was hurt throughout his junior season but still made 101 tackles. Surgical repairs have been made and Ammerman expects his best campaign.

Thad Lee (199) and Al Jones (200) are outside linebackers. Jim Becnel (217) joins Ammerman inside. Tackles are Arnie Diaz (240) and Larry Bizotto (244). The secondary includes corners Jeff Gates (172) and Phil Townsend (191), monster Mike Sims (169) and safety Rick Dunaway (175). Gates supports well against runs, had 87 tackles.

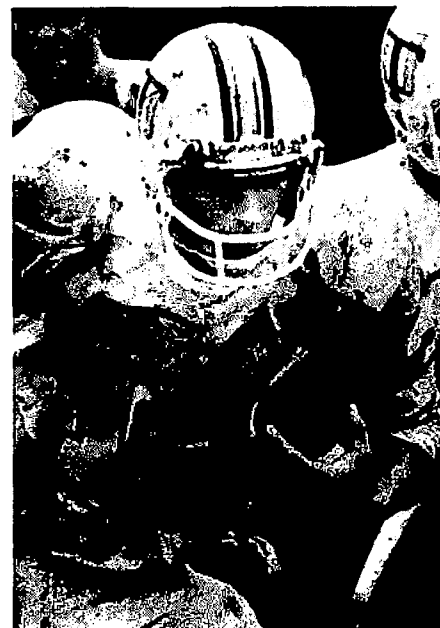
For defensive depth, Tulane has outside linebackers Bob Becnel and Fred Hicks, tackles Tommie Barlow and Rory Stone, middle guard Mark Benedetto and inside linebackers Darryl Dawkins and Chip Forte. Second secondary includes Ricky Smith, Steve Hubbell, Donnie Rice and Nolan Gallo. Place-kicker Ed Murray is the best among Southern independents (12 of 22 field goals, longes of 51).

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI—First, the bad news. Ben Garry is gone. Southern Mississippi knew it had to happen sometime but to lose the school's and the



CLUMP TAYLOR returns to head Southern Mississippi defense at LB.

ROCH HONTAS, Tulane's quarterback, figures to break completion record.



state's all-time rushing leader is a bad blow. It leaves a scar.

Now, the good news. The Golden Eagles have 14 returning regulars and the potential to be some better than their 6-6 record of last season.

There is no Garry (1134 yards, 10 touchdowns) among the returnees but there are two quarterbacks, Dane McDaniel (181) who finished the season past as No. 1 and Jeff Hammond, who started the first nine games.

Coach Bobby Collins isn't saying who'll be driving the veer or whether they'll share the wheel. McDaniel had more impressive statistics. He hit 52 per cent of his passes. Hammond completed 43 per cent.

Tiko Beal (182) and Calvin Jones (208) are in the first backfield. Beal gained more than 200 yards as Garry's replacement last season. Jones didn't play as much. Back of the starters are Chuck Cook and Willie Corner. Cook is a former wideout.

All other wide receivers and the top two tight ends are ready to play. John Cannon (186) is beginning his third year at split end. He caught 19 for 295 yards . . . but failed to score. Chuck Brown (169) is a tree-year starter at flanker. There's a race between veteran Larry Harrington (209) and standout sophomore Marvin Harvey (205) at tight end. Coach Collins is pleased.

Randy Butler (6-6, 250) and Terry Brown (248) return in the offensive line, to be joined by tackle Greg Ahrens (244), guard Butch Smith (207) and center David Parrish (232).

Greg Graham and Joey Starnes will help as wide receivers and Blane Burnett, Tim McCall, Mark Johnson, Joel Fleming and Milton Junker are important to the success of the offensive line.

Eight starters return on defense. The leader is Ron "Clump" Taylor (206), linebacker who set the pace last season with 134 tackles and assists.

Other standouts include noseman Thad Dillard (238), linebacker Freeman Horton (207) and monster Mike Crenshaw (179). J.J. Stewart (258) returns at a tackle. Hanford Dixon (167), David O'Dom (200) and Gary Holt (181) are back again in the defensive backfield.

New ends are Sonny Abercrombie (219) and Mike McKenzie (195). New tackle is Joey Warren (244).

Depth in the front five comes from Larry Welker, Gary Ivy, Albert Teague, Grant Culliver and James Hale. Backing up the linebackers are Cliff Lewis and Ron Brown. The second secondary includes Bubba Busby, Randy McDonald, Emanuel Killingsworth and Tommy Trahan.

Mike Wright returns with a 40.3 punting average.

LOUISVILLE—"When you have a good year in football, it carries over to the next year."

So says Coach Vince Gibson, Louisville leader in optimism and X's and O's. He's counting on the spinoff from 7-4-1 success to make the current Cardinals his best yet.

Vince came from Kansas State four years ago and some said he had made a miserable mistake, jumping from the proverbial frying pan into the flames. His first Louisville team went 1-10 and maybe Vince did look back once or twice.

Progress has been steady. Linebackers Otis Wilson (218) and Ricky Skiles (211), middle guard Jeff Henry (225) and fullback Nathan Poole (192) give promise that progress continues.

"Last year was very important to Louisville," said Gibson. "Our players learned how to win. Now, we have some experienced winners."

Besides the three defensive leaders, Gibson will look to tackles Mark Pongonis (249) and Dave Drachman (222) and outside linebackers Eddie Johnson (180) and Jim Embry (208) to challenge another good schedule (Maryland plays at Louisville Sept. 16).

The secondary, suspect at times last season, now appears solid with Zarko Ellis (179) and Dwayne Woodruff (191) at corners, Bob Norris (187) at safety and Greg Gibson (174) at monster. Greg's dad is the head coach.

Defensive depth must come from Steve Johnson, Walt Dickerson, Kevin Hill and Ray Payton in the backfield, from linebackers Don Wills, John Cuby, Bill Perrin and Eddie Byrd and from down linemen Dan Dihtzeruk, Bob Thiry and Otto Knop.

Poole is a prize. The compact (5-8½), powerful back gained 1007 yards as a junior, had a long run of 60, averaged more than five yards per carry and blocked beautifully.

Nathan bench-presses 450 and had a goal as an Olympic weightlifter but may get sidetracked into the NFL.

Stu Stram (5-8, 180) is the quarterback unless Terry Mullins takes the job. Ron Moon (184) and Bo Haden are the tailbacks. John Tillery plays behind Poole.

Targets for passers include talented transfer Greg Searcy (173) at flanker, Kenny Robinson (182) at split end and Gary Nord (212) at tight end. Other prospects are Randy Butler, Perrin and Ebb Williams.

The offensive line, just plain weak in times past, could be the strong point this fall. Guards Keith Autry (240) and Jeff Cully (230), tackles James Brown (255) and Rick Cruz (6-4, 290) and center Ron Heinrich (241) are returnees. Brian Knop,

Guy Scheper, Steve Marshall, Joe Jacoby and Mike Marburger add depth.

Mat Mager (4 of 4 EP, 3 of 4 FG) moved up to regular place-kicker. Mark Blasinsky is the probable punter.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA—John David Crow is still the most famous name in Northeast Louisiana football but the coach with the Heisman history is hoping a veteran defensive unit, returning intact, will lead his Indians to a better record than 2-9.

Surely his new luck will be better. Last year's top quarterback quit the program the day before practice started. A team manager was electrocuted while helping move a coaching tower. The starter, first sub and second sub quarterbacks were injured in the first four games.

The defense is led by junior linebacker Harold Thompson (185), who established a school record with 175 tackles. An excellent secondary features David Dumars (five interceptions in six games), Vic Minor (five interceptions) and Roy Binion.

Up front has veterans Jeff Walker (222), Jay Marse (190) and Gary Hurd (200) at ends, Warren Simmons (230), Mark Valentine (220) and Ricky Isaac (231) at tackles and Darwyn Anderson (225) at middle guard.

The Indians' three top rushers return. Robert Johnson, only 165, used his 9.5 speed to gain 539 yards. Nathan Johnson, one pound bigger, added 287. Neal Charles weighs only 155 but he's a prospect. Greg Schaff, husky 175-pounder, dug out 225 yards last season.

Kirby Arceneaux (177), switched from defensive back in the quarterback emergency, figures to hold that role ahead of Bud Cespiva, who started last season as No. 1. Arceneaux threw three touchdown passes, completed 25 of 59. Cespiva hit 31 of 74 for 440 yards and four scores and ran for three more TDs.

Best receiver is John Floyd, all-South independent who caught 30 (19.1 average), led the Indians in scoring with 30 points, in punting and punt returns. Tony Morrison again is the other wide receiver but Crow must locate a new tight end and three offensive line starters. Steve Crane (6-4, 197) is the best bet at tight end.

Tackle Jimmie Adams (235) and center Lance Stanfill (227) are returning regulars. Sophomores David Nolte (230) and David Driskill (215) will fight it out for the vacant tackle assignment. Jim Whitehead (230) and Clift McCall (225) are leading guard candidates.

OHIO VALLEY

TENNESSEE TECH—The Golden Eagles finished 1977 with a 9-2 record and broke or tied 30 records. Coach Don Wade has 22 starters returning, along with placekicker Wayne Anderson and punter Steve Davis who form the strongest kicking game in the conference, to provide the nucleus for '78.

Heading the offense are quarterbacks Milton Jenkins and Jimmy Maynard, receiver Craig Rolle and running back Cecil Fore. Jenkins and Maynard

combined to throw for 1573 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Rolle, All-OVC, caught 42 for 734 yards, five TDs and Fore rushed for 741 yards. He also caught 13 for 184 yards, two TDs.

Starting offensive linemen returning are Jack Cunningham (6-7, 245) at tackle and guards Fred Rockymore (230) and Ken Dew (220). Dave Britton (260), bids for a berth.

All-OVC cornerback Greg Bauer heads the list of defensive starters. Bauer led in unassisted tackles and picked off six passes. Sophomore Drew Harshaw, out with injury in 1977 and Danny White, also return.

Linebacking is strong with Bob Britton (205), John Dethridge (208), veteran Mark Ogletree (200) and Rod Demps (215).

The right side of the defensive line returns with tackles Roddna Rockymore (225) and Barry Courtney (220) who were impressive in spring drills. David Hooper at end, made four fumble recoveries last year and end Kevin Elkins is set on the left side.

AUSTIN PEAY—Coach Boots Donnelly was named OVC "Coach of the Year" as the Governors went 8-3 and won their first conference championship. They also made the NCAA Division II top ten.

Thirty lettermen return including 15 starters and two All-OVC performers. End Ron Sebree and free safety Mike Betts are two of seven regulars that yielded just 15 touchdowns over 11 games.

Tackle Bryan Stege, middle guards Lionel Plaisance (230) and Tim Hickey and Sebree comprise the returning defensive interior. Brett Williams and soph lettermen Mark Daniel and Mike Smith are candidates at strong side end.

Russell Brown, a 250-pound transfer and a pair of sophs, Richard Woznick and Nick Norcia, vie for a tackle spot. Some impressive prospects start opposite returning linebacker Rick Coleman (225).

Tight end Phil Todd, one of OVC's top receivers, caught 18 for 225 yards and two touchdowns last year. There are two excellent wide receivers in senior Steve Bullard and Steve Puthoff, a soph.

Randy Christophel, who returns for his fourth season as quarterback accounted for 958 yards and six touchdowns in 1977. Reserve Steve Brewer also returns. Ernest Fletcher is the top hope at fullback.

Donnelly's primary concern is the offensive line where tackle Mike Ross (6-4, 245), center Clinton Bell (230) and guard Sid Fritts are the only regulars back.

Eddie Carlton (240) and J.J. Johnson (235) will bid for two starting positions. Help is expected from soph lettermen Danny Tedder (6-3, 225) and David Evans (6-4, 250) along with freshmen Carl Kurzrock (6-3, 240), David Worley (6-4, 245) and Steve Sorrells (6-3, 210).

EASTERN KENTUCKY—All-OVC selections, tailback Stan Mitchell and offensive guard Dean Stucky, top the list of 29 returning lettermen.

Mitchell rushed for 873 yards and seven touchdowns. Stucky, a 6-3, 255-pound senior was a big reason why Eastern rushed for more than 2000 yards

for its fourth straight season and led the OVC in total offense, a 338.4 average.

Offensive starters include Danny Hope who moved from center to guard, flanker Bill Kolesar and tight end Carl Greene (9 catches, 169 yards, three TDs).

Sophomore David Booze is at split end and soph Dale Patton (200) rates at fullback after 175 yards in 51 carries and four touchdowns last year.

Kicker David Flores who had a spectacular freshman year also returns. He booted 31-31 extra points and 8-17 field goals.

Defensively, coach Roy Kidd returns at least one letterman at each position, led by end Chris Roberts and tackle Bobby Payne. Other starters are ends Tim Frommeyer (215) and Ed Laski (220), nose-guard Joe Richard (220) and 225-pound linebacker Ed Finella.

Sophomore tackles Buddy Moor and James Shelton, linebackers Gary Ford and Bob McIntyre and defensive backs Charles Brunson and Joel Scrafton are other lettermen returning.

MURRAY STATE—Coach Mike Gottfried must rebuild the offensive line and there's a possibility quarterback Mike Dickens may be limited because of an ankle injury.

Dickens completed 74 passes last season for 828 yards and six touchdowns and rushed for 268 yards, three touchdowns. If Dickens is out, likely candidates are Roger Rushing and redshirt freshman Rickey Ray.

A fine crop of running backs return. At tailback are Austin Perine, Danny Lee Johnson, Larry Dostal and Lindsey Hudspeth and at fullback Tony Franklin, Tyrus Brown, Randy Jones and Mike McConnell.

Also back are tight end David Thomas, all-OVC guard and tackle Cecil Wolberton.

Most of the defensive positions will have experienced players but depth will be missing.

Top returning defensive players are all-OVC tackles Bruce Martin (57 tackles, 22 assists) and Chuck Marquess; ends Bill Shannon and Jeff Parks; linebackers David Reagan, Bobby Craig, Mike Basiak and Steve Maxwell and backs Roy Hackley and Jim O'Connor.

MOREHEAD—The nucleus of one of the strongest offensive teams in the OVC returns.

Primary returnee from coach Wayne Chapman's 2-6-2 squad is quarterback Phil Simms, the 1977 OVC "Offensive Player of the Year," who is the sixth player in the league to pass for over 2000 yards in one season, throwing for 2041.

Also returning are top receivers Dorron Hunter who caught 36 for 687 yards and seven touchdowns and Larry Campassi, 41 for 577 yards, two TDs.

Fullback Norm Letcher, 5-11, 200, returns after gaining 343 yards in 67 carries, for a 5.1 average.

To strengthen the line, middle guard Ron Renke, 220, has been moved to offensive guard.

Defensively, the Eagles return standout linebacker Tommy Warren, 6-3, 215, who had 90 solo tackles, tackle Tommy Day, 6-4, 240, 28 tackles and defensive back Henry Sykes who had four interceptions in '77.

WESTERN KENTUCKY—Last year's 1-8-1 record makes 1978 a rebuilding year for coach Jimmy Feix's Hilltoppers.

Sophomore John Hall and Marty Jagers could settle the quarterback situation and if a fullback-oriented offense is not available, the two-tailback situation of veteran Jimmy Woods and sophs Nate Jones and Craig Freeman, both of whom showed promise in '77, are ready to take over. Woods had 906 yards rushing, while Freeman and Jones had 167 and 154 respectively.

There are two proven performers in Eddie Preston (476 yards, seven touchdowns) at split end and Ricky Gwinn at tight end.

The inexperienced but talented offensive line includes Pat Gates (225) and Jeff Alsup (220) at tackles, Pete Walters (240) and Greg Hines (210) at guards, Greg Gallas (220) and Ray White (210) at center.

There is an abundance of defensive experience in Charles Woodruff (210), Lonnie Hardin (200) and William Smith (195) at ends, Reggie Hayden (220), Tony Towns (220) and Dwight Lewis (225) at tackles, Charles Delacey (215), Carl Estelle (210) Bryan Gray and Alfred Hayden at linebackers and Fred Kixmiller, Mark Stahl and Mike Gray and Charles Dillard in the secondary.

The major problem, overall, appears to be one of depth which will have to come from freshmen.

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

JACKSONVILLE STATE—After advancing to the NCAA Division II championship game a year ago, Jacksonville State head coach Jim Fuller must rebuild the defensive front five, fill a key linebacker slot, and find a new wingback if the Gamecocks are to defend their Gulf South crown.

The Gamecocks lost only five members of its GSC championship team to graduation, but four of them were key performers.

Jacksonville's offense returns 10 starters, including quarterback Bobby Ray Green, tailback Pat Clements, tight end Butch Barker, and split end Donald Young. Young, All-GSC, led the team in receptions with 60 for 748 yards. Barker caught 40 for another 420 yards.

Green, who sustained an injury early in last year's NCAA title loss to Lehigh, makes the Gamecocks go. He completed 57 percent of his passes in 1977 for 1808 yards, while Clements rushed for 969 yards.

Defensively, the Gamecocks will again be led by Little All-America tackle Jesse Baker (6-5, 265), nose guard Merrill Dillard, linebacker Eddie Garfinkle, and defensive backs Dwayne Parker, Jerome Coleman, Bo Emerson, and Tommy Macon.

Specialists back include kickers Rocky Riddle and Armo Gostanian, and punter Ray Brock.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA—After winning their final four games last season, coach Billy Brewer is hoping his Lions will pick up where they left off in completing a 6-4 campaign.

Thirty-two lettermen are back, including All-GSC kickers James Magruder and Frank Londono. Magruder averaged 42.3 yards per punt and Londono

was the top kick scorer with 53 points.

SLU boasts one of the top secondaries in the league with second team All-GSC performer Bobby Morse, and other starters Donald Dykes, Anthony Vereen, and Herman Colly.

The defensive line, led by ends Perry Smith and Calvin Favron and tackle Wayne LeBlanc, should be strong, but two new linebackers must be found.

Offensively, Southeastern lost a lot with the graduation of quarterback Dean Waguespack and running back Herbie Williams, but Brewer is hopeful that he can put together the winning combination. Transfer Lou Ernst and sophomores Johnny Wells and Scott Allen are expected to battle for starting honors at quarterback.

Robert Hicks, Ricky Knight, and Arnold Schexnayder provide the Lions with a strong running back corps, plus tight end Leslie Jackson who could be tops in the league.

TENNESSEE-MARTIN—New head coach Vester Newcomb begins his first year at the helm after assisting former head coach George MacIntyre in producing back-to-back 8-3 seasons.

Replacing quarterback Alvin Smalls, the 1977 GSC Offensive Player of the Year, is the biggest problem.

Junior Donny Sherman is the heir apparent at the quarterback slot, but a challenge is expected to come from sophomores Sammy Bryant and Jimmy Wash.

With senior fullback Henry "Sweetcakes" Williams and sophomore tailback Michael Gipson both back, the Pacers should have little trouble moving the ball on the ground. Strong support is expected to come from Richard Giebeig and Bart Dilday.

The offensive line should be a plus, especially with senior guard Lanny Williams and senior center Jon Gentry back, and Newcomb is hoping his Pacers can once again lead the Gulf South in offense.

Defensively, the Pacers suffered major losses in the secondary, but Mark Carroll returns and will be joined by a junior Mickey Marley, senior Greg Hundley, and Curtis Williams.

The linebacking corps is headed by sophomore Dennis Brown and junior Kevin Lamb. End Jack Chaney, tackle Larry Newcomb, and end Jim Hardegree, all seniors, will anchor the defensive line.

TROY STATE—Coach Charlie Bradshaw must find a new quarterback and rebuild his offensive and defensive lines if Troy State is to remain in contention for the title.

The Trojans were 6-4 last year and shared second place with Tennessee-Martin in the final GSC standings.

Returning letterman Eddie Rohrbaugh and Barry Hamilton, plus Southern Mississippi transfer Willie Tullis, appear to be the top prospects at quarterback.

Except for being thin up front, the defense is experienced as two-time All-GSC linebacker Tim Tucker returns to lead the unit. Bradshaw feels the team has both experience and quality in the running back spots, but his shown concern with his offensive line.

The kicking game should once again be strong with Randy Yancey taking care of field goals and extra points while Mike Quinn does the punting.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE—After finishing 2-8 in 1976, the Choctaws surprised everyone by going 6-4 a year ago, winning four of their final five games. Head Coach John Williams is now bubbling with optimism.

Williams must fill some big spots on defense after his squad finished first in that department, but the Choctaw boss feels he signed some outstanding freshman who can step in and play.

Top names this season on defense will be Elbert Lyles, Jim Jarrard, Ralph Ashley, J.B. Brown, Robert Hudson, and James Trimble.

Offensively, the Choctaws will be solid. The entire backfield returns, including halfback Ezra Tate and fullback Bruce Hulitt. Quarterbacks Steve Mills and Dwight Hughes will run the attack.

Carl Menist, Steve Metz, Chuck Crosby, Steve Johnson, and Eugene Smith are the best returning linemen.

NICHOLLS STATE—Defense is the name of the game this season and head coach Bill Clements is hoping his Colonels can bounce back from last year's 4-7, eighth place, finish.

All-GSC nose guard Kin Ortolano, shifted to linebacker, heads the defense and is joined by 14 other letterman. The defensive front five is solid with the likes of tackles Kurt Rea (6-5, 255) and Jerry Galloway (6-5, 255) and end Delos Thompson in the lineup. Thirty-three lettermen are back in all.

Nicholls led the conference in pass defense a year ago and Clements is counting on cornerback Glenn Magee and safeties Byron Boyd, Basil Trepagnier, and Ray Johnson to stay on top in that department.

The kicking game is good with punter Dan Brown and Magee returning for their junior year. Brown averaged 40.9 yards per punt in 1977 and Magee scored 28 points, including seven of 15 field goal attempts and seven of seven PATs.

Heading the list of offensive lettermen back is All-GSC tackle Freddie Roth. Also back is center Tommy Broom and tackle George Perry.

Fullback Louis Henry and tailback Richard Auzenne are the top runners back and it appears Tim Bailey is the top quarterback candidate since 1977 starter Tim McCabe is passing up his senior year to enter dental school.

NORTH ALABAMA—After losing 15 starters off his inaugural 5-5 campaign, head coach Wayne Grubb has a large order to fill.

Key performers like quarterback Gerald Goodman, fullback Maurice Brawley, wide receiver Robert Steel, and All-America guard Terry Witherspoon are gone, but Grubb is confident top rushing tailback Curtis Sirmones, tailbacks Otis Green and James Tanniehill, fullback Terry Stooksberry, wide receiver Karl Washington, and linemen Obie Childers, Tommy Edwards, and Jack Lewis can get the job done.

Defensively, the Lions can build around the likes

of tackles Brad Hendrix and Johnny Williams, guard Albert Walker, linebackers William Bowens and Randy Michaels, and cornerbacks Manuel Walker and David Brewer.

Grubb took a look at transfers and liked what he saw in linebacker Kevin Logan (Florida) and quarterback Doyle McDuffey (Southern Miss).

New talent must be found in the offensive line and the quarterback puzzle must be solved. Senior Jeff Davis and junior Johnny Grubb are also being counted on at the signal-calling spot.

LIVINGSTON—The emphasis will be on youth this year for Coach Jack Crowe's Tigers, a team which dipped to 2-8 a year ago.

Crowe will have almost 50 lettermen, including 18 who won monograms as freshmen, back to form the nucleus for this year's team.

Offensive starters back include All-GSC center Paul Teague, guard Ricky Ford, tackle Doug Palmer, split end Jimmy Black, tight end Lynn Shreve, and fullback Frank Lindsey. Black may hold the key on offense.

Defensively, returning starters include tackle Gabe Heeter, end Mike Green, linebackers David Dean and Curtis Coleman, cornerback Steve Birchfield, and free safety Stan Talley, out a year ago with knee problems.

Replacing four-year starters Ricky Seale and Willie Slater at quarterback is the major problem area, and four sophomores—Bobby Moore, Dale Palmer, Steve Flowers, and Ricky Hendricks—will battle for the No. 1 spot.

Senior James Mullinax is outstanding as a kicker, having scored 125 points in his career at Livingston, leaving him only 24 points shy of the school record.

DELTA STATE—New head coach Don Denning got a late start in recruiting his first Delta State team, but the former Memphis State assistant feels he has put together a solid base in which to rebuild the Statesmen football program.

Twenty-two lettermen return off last year's 4-6 team, including a host of starters. However, the Statesmen don't have an experienced quarterback in camp and that's a major problem area for Denning.

Top returnees include kicker Sig Bressler, center Charles Singleton, defensive backs Sam Killingsworth, Terry Moody, and Rodney Saucier, offensive linemen Lee Stegall and Wayne Rogers, fullback Ricky Conerly, tight end Randy Phillips, defensive tackles George Walker and Joe Lowrey, and linebackers Tony Key and Robert Downing. Killingsworth was an All-GSC pick a year ago.

Depth at running back and in the defensive line will cause some concern during the early stages and Denning is also worried about how fast his newcomers will progress.

Quarterback Steve Reich, a junior college transfer who is considered a good passer; linebacker Ed Stanley, a Miami transfer; tight end Carl Quin, an LSU transfer; and defensive back Tim Wright, who came with Denning from Memphis State, will be counted on for added experience in 1978.

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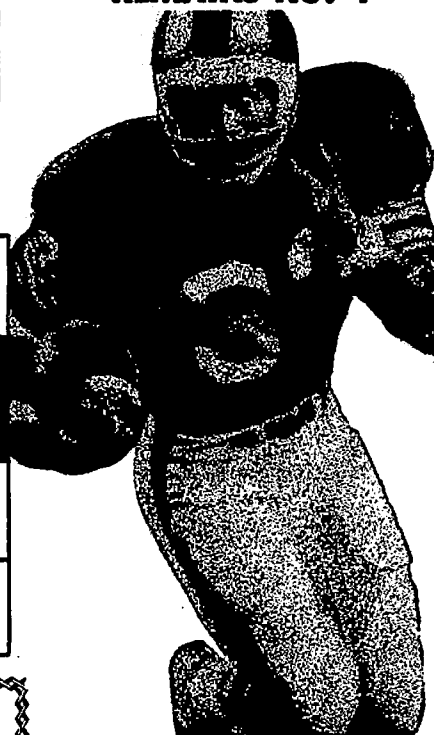
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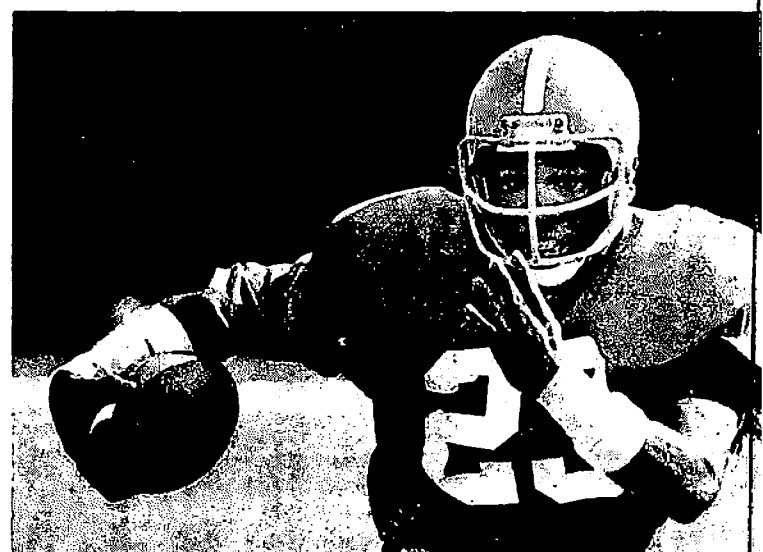
JERRY BUTLER, Clemson gets additional yardage after pass catch against South Carolina as **JIMMY WEEKS (79)** lends help.

JOE BOSTIC, left, is bulwark middle guard for revitalized Clemson Tigers.

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Atlantic Coast and Southern

CLEMSON TIGERS' SHARP FANGS CAN STOP TITLE BID BY OTHER THREE BOWL TEAMS

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| 1. Clemson | 5. Duke |
| 2. North Carolina | 6. Wake Forest |
| 3. N.C. State | 7. Virginia |
| 4. Maryland | |

Southern Conference

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| 1. UT-Chattanooga | 5. The Citadel |
| 2. Virginia Military | 6. Furman |
| 3. Western Carolina | 7. Marshall |
| 4. Appalachian | 8. Davidson |

Independents

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| 1. East Carolina | 4. South Carolina |
| 2. Virginia Tech | 5. Richmond |
| 3. William & Mary | 6. Guilford |

Mid-Eastern Athletic

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| 1. South Carolina St. | 5. Morgan State |
| 2. North Carolina A&T | 6. N. C. Central |
| 3. Delaware State | 7. Maryland-Eastern Shore |
| 4. Howard | |

South Atlantic

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| 1. Elon | 5. Gardner-Webb |
| 2. Presbyterian | 6. Carson-Newman |
| 3. Mars Hill | 7. Catawba |
| 4. Lenoir Rhyne | 8. Newberry |

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| 3. Prairie View | 7. Southern Univ. |
| 4. Alcorn State | |

As you approach the thriving community of Clemson, South Carolina, westward off I-85 on US-123 from Greenville, or coming in from the mountainside of these two highways from Seneca, you find huge orange Tiger Paws painted on the road.

You know they're telling you something, and

they are, because you are now in Tigertown, the Land of Tiger Rag, where orange and purple replace the red, white and blue, except at rendition of the National Anthem, and then it's marginal.

This is one of the great homes of college athletics, where people flocked to an athletic stadium when their own Clemson Tigers were not winning every Saturday, or every other Saturday. They come to basketball blowouts, as Atlantic Coast Conference claims for that sport, in a new 11,000-seat arena, and 7,000 have been to see NCAA soccer. But Memorial Stadium is football, and it has grown from a modest 20,000 to a place being enlarged to 56,000. That big grass embankment under the scoreboard will remain, where it can handle 10,000 of the more nonchalant followers. That bank, filled with humanity, reminds of other days it wasn't necessarily Tigertown, but Death Valley.

When Charley Pell, who got the promotion from assistant to the head coach a year ago, planned his 1978 spring game, he knew all the tradition of Death Valley and he wanted to regain some of the flavor. Nostalgia took him straight to two people who stand so prominently in Clemson football. Jess Neely, coach 1931-39, nine seasons with a 43-35-7 record, and the first bowl game (Cotton 1940), and Frank Howard, coach 1940-69, 30 seasons with a 165-118-12 record, and the last bowl (Bluebonnet 1959). That is, the last bowl until Pell got his first Tiger season. They were asked to be honorary coaches for the Orange-White game that closed spring drills.

Neely, now 80, golf coach at Vanderbilt, looked around the campus he left after the Cotton Bowl to coach Rice Institute. "I saw more cars near the administration building today than I did the entire first year I coached here. And it was all boys. One of the finest things on the Clemson campus today is the sight of all these pretty girls."

Howard, 69, retired as athletic director and lives near the campus, busy signing orders for The Kick-off for a publishing friend in Chattanooga. He, too, had a memory: "I started coaching under Coach Neely for \$2,000 a year, and when Jess took the team to the Cotton Bowl his yearly pay was \$4,500. The whole coaching staff (four) got \$12,000."

But pay has increased, and Death Valley, as Howard reminded everybody when he dared them to play him at home, isn't mentioned too often. It's Tigertown, and Tigertown emptied last December to attend the Gator Bowl where the Tigers played

Pittsburgh. That wasn't a particular good evening, but the Tigers were there. It was the first bowl game since 1959. Pell had taken the Tigers within one point of the ACC football championship, North Carolina going for a 13-tie in their November game, since a tie gave UNC the title. In Death Valley, pardon, in Tigertown the people had seen Clemson control Notre Dame 17-7 into the fourth quarter, but somehow the Fighting Irish called on somebody for help as they walked through the valley of the shadow of death. They also became national champions.

Nostalgia did have a part of the Orange-White game, but maybe it was also to be somewhat prophetic. The Pell Tigers had come down the '77 stretch with excitement, the North Carolina game, the Notre Dame could-have-been. They were nothing, literally, to a regional TV finale at South Carolina, and Steve Fuller, QB par excellence, waited until the final 49 seconds before throwing one several meters over Jerry Butler's head, knowing full well the Tiger receiver could go that high. He did, fell in the end zone, Clemson 31-27, Gator Bowl bid. The Orange-White game came to the final minutes, and "Coach" Howard's Orange team sent Marvin (Moose) Sims over for two points and 18-17 victory. Tigertown likes to keep things interesting.

North Carolina broke the Maryland run of three straight conference championships, and the Tar Heels also went bowl-traveling in the post-season. For the first time the ACC had four bowl representatives, Maryland and N.C. State joining the Tar Heels and Tigers. Maybe they didn't get a New Year's Day game, but the ACC split in the four meetings with such established college football programs as Pittsburgh, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa State.

Tiger Paws will continue to grace the entering highways, and if you don't have a Tiger Rag (which is a Tiger Paw on cloth, any size, as long as you can carry it safely) this coming season, something is wrong. Pell's Tigers should take one more step in the sudden renaissance in Tigertown. Clemson is favored, but the battle at the top will be terrific. The other three bowl teams will challenge: North Carolina, N.C. State and Maryland in that order. Duke, Wake Forest and Virginia lag behind.

Two new coaches come to the ACC. Dick Crum walked away from 10-1 and snow at Miami of Ohio to work among the long leaf pines of North Carolina, and it's certainly no rebuilding year because Bill Dooley, departing for Virginia Tech where he is also athletic director, built the foundation well. At Wake Forest it may not be quite that simple, because John Mackovic, a former Wake Forest quarterback (who also has a small daughter named Amy), must rebuild and recruit and recoup.

Those at new positions hope to do as well as Jerry Tolley a year ago, elevated to the head man at Elon College in late summer, then leading the Christians to the SAC-8 title. Elon is favored to repeat this year. In the SAC-8 new coaches will be Billy Kinard at Gardner Webb, Ron Case at Carson-Newman and Reed Charpia at Newberry. The MEAC has newcomers: Wylie Harris at J.C. Smith, Ray Greene at N.C. Central and Joe Redmond at Maryland

Eastern Shore. The SWAC welcomes Cass Jackson at Southern University and Jim Thomas at Mississippi Valley. Art Baker moved from Furman to the Citadel, and Dick Sheridan was elevated on the Paladin staff.

Two conference affiliations will be affected, but not officially for football—yet. Georgia Tech, long an independent, joins the ACC July 1, 1979, but in football competition it may not be until the 1981 season. East Tennessee State is a member of the Southern Conference, effective 1979.

The All-ACC offensive backfield a year ago had three running backs: Ted Brown of N.C. State, James McDougald of Wake Forest and Amos Lawrence of North Carolina, the conference's rookies of the year, in that order, for the past three seasons. Nobody can match that running talent, and Ted Brown comes into this season as the No. 1 career rusher returning in NCAA Division I.

Other nominations for 1978 All-Honors include Jackie Robinson, OT, Wake Forest; Mike Dunn, QB, Duke; Carl McGee, LB, Duke; Charlie Johnson, DT, Maryland; Steve Fuller, QB, Clemson; Joe Bostic, OG, Clemson; Charles Johnson, DB, Gramling; Jeff Wilson, DB, Richmond; Zack Valentine, DE, East Carolina; Gerald Hall, DB, East Carolina; Albert Lester, OT, S.C. State; Dwaine Board, DE, North Carolina A&T; James Hardy, DT, Jackson State; and James Cowens, DE, Prairie View.

Conference won-lost records are listed first, then over-all season record.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

CLEMSON—(4-1-1, 8-2-1). One year ago, the theme was to regain respectability. Clemson's Tigers had never, repeat never, lost 15 football games in two seasons, and that's what the program of Coach Charley Pell had to overcome. The Tigers went 8-2-1, went to the Gator Bowl, and for his efforts Pell was the ACC coach of the year. There's always the year after, and that's now. The defeat by Pittsburgh in the Gator Bowl serves as an additional prod, and Pell reminds himself of that every now and then. The '78 squad includes 14 starters and 43 lettermen, an excellent nucleus, but Pell warns: "Certainly our group of returning lettermen is a strength, provided we do as good a job as coaches at doing the little things that enable these same players to be successful."

Defensively, there is every statistic to show why the Tiger record improved. First off, the Tigers allowed only 11.7 points per game (total: 127, first time under 200 in 10 years). The secondary came up with 21 interceptions, ranked 16th nationally against the pass. All-ACC Randy Scott and Rex Varn return from this secondary, aided by Eddie Geathers and Willie Jordan. Linebackers Randy Scott (All-ACC) and Jim Goehring had off-season surgery, and return with Bubba Brown. The line has All-ACC Jonathan Brooks (6-3, 210) at one end, Steve Durham probably the other, while Jim Stuckey (6-5, 252) keeps his tackle, Toney Williams (6-3, 240) working the other. Rich Tuten is the middle guard again. The story improves, as Pell says, "This time last year we were trying to find people to play in

the secondary, and it was a real concern. We are still concerned although we have some proven players."

If QB is the offensive key, senior Steve Fuller has a pocketful. Conference total offensive leader (1900 yds, 15 TDR), Fuller guided the Tigers against formidable competition, only twice held to a single TD. The 6-4, 198 Mr. Versatile (178 rushes, 205 passes) was selected ACC player of the year, and the Atlanta Touchdown Club picked him the national back of the year. At the running spots he will have Lester Brown, Warren Ratchford (top rusher: 616 yds) and Harold Goggins, which fullback finds Tracy Perry and Marvin (Moose) Sims (6-4, 223), star of the spring game. All-ACC Jerry Butler, who can do anything—and does, tops the receivers (47 catches, 824 yds) along with Dwight Clark and TE Anthony King.

Rebuilding has to be done in the offensive line, where big Joe Bostic (6-4, 258) returns as Football Writers' All-America, All-ACC and Jacobs blocking trophy recipient. His brother, Jeff Bostic, is the center, between Joe and Steve Kenney. Tackle replacements will probably be Billy Hudson (6-3, 234) and Ron West (6-4, 230). Obed Ariri and Jimmy Russell are there to kick for the Tigers, maybe not as far out this season, due to the return-to-scrimmage-line rule change.

NORTH CAROLINA—(5-0-1, 8-2-1). A new coach usually comes in to effect a rebuilding program. Dick Crum's move from Miami of Ohio to Chapel Hill was drastically different. He follows an 11-year reign of Bill Dooley, who left for Virginia Tech's challenge after going with the Tar Heels to six bowls in the past eight years. Coach Crum must be cautious, however, because he does come to a new situation and he must indoctrinate the offense to the veer. Of his returning QBs, he says, "The quarterbacks (in the I) prered the formation, now we're asking them to read the defense after rotation. That's a horse of another color." But he's got Amos Lawrence as one of the thoroughbreds, and there's a veteran line.

But at Miami defense was always a major item. Carolina will certainly be no different. A year ago the Tar Heels were No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense (81 points in 11 games). Five Tar Heels made All-ACC defense, and two return: Ken Sheets (6-3, 224) at end, Buddy Curry as linebacker. Up front return also end T.K. McDaniels, nose guard Dave Simmons and reserve tackles (to All-ACC players): Bunn Rhames (6-2, 241) and Donnell Thompson (6-4, 250). A trio of defensive backs holds that area: Bernie Menapace, Bobby Cale and Ricky Barden. Finding a linebacker to go with Curry, outstanding as a soph, saw spring practice give such an opportunity. Two of the lesser known Tar Heels shared the Chuck Erickson Award for most hustle in off-season drills, and one of them was Larry Tedder who worked ahead of the pack.

Another of the spring hustlers was Ken Mack, a third team fullback who saw action with the specialty teams for three seasons. Coming into the fall, he is the No. 1 fullback lining up a couple arms-lengths from Famous Amos Lawrence, who ran 1211 yds in

10 games, No. 8 rusher in the nation—although he started only the last six games. Soph Walter Sturdivant also runs well, and Big Billy Johnson (6-0, 250) returns. That means starting FB Bob Loomis switched to tight end to bolster Crum's veer. Matt Kupec (56.2 percent of passing) gets the No. 1 QB call, his third year at the spot, but Clyde Christensen has veer experience. Junior P.J. Gay and transfer Mickey Daniels also figure in the QB scramble. The three major receiving positions go to Jim Rouse, Delbert Powell, Carey Casey and Wayne Tucker. Only soph Rick Donnalley at center is new up front, which offers All-ACC Mike Salzano (6-4, 245) and John Rushing (6-3, 245) at guards, Bobby Hukill (6-5, 245) and Steve Junkmann (6-4, 244) at tackles. The Crum veer will be new, and Amos Lawrence may find even more holes.

N.C. STATE—(4-2-0, 7-4-0). With a bevy of backs who carry the ball a mile a Saturday, or almost, Coach Bo Rein goes into his third season back at N.C. State with optimism and the knowledge that "our players know we can win now, and there's no reason why we can't begin where we left off." That was with an impressive 24-14 Peach Bowl victory over Iowa State. The defensive unit had contained regular season opponents to 167 points, in contrast to 258 the previous season, and that's certainly a major way to turn a 3-7-1 to a 7-4 and bowl-bound again. This defense lost some people in the secondary and up front, but it has experience. Major problem seems to be the fact Johnny Evans won't be around. He was not only the quarterback but also the punter, as such the only current player selected to the ACC's 25th Anniversary team last summer.

To step into the QB role will be Scott Smith, a 6-1, 180 junior who played less than a quarter. It was in the seventh spring practice session that Coach Rein gave him the reins, and he began working on his passing arm. Ted Brown, the top career NCAA runner returning, passed up the spring for track, and he will again pair off with FB Billy Ray Vickers (726 yds). Backing them will be Rickey Adams (279 yds), sophs Dwight Sullivan and Wayne McLean. End play, including flanker, will have Lin Dawson, Buster Ray and Randy Hall. Intact is the offensive line, paced by outstanding center Jim Ritcher (6-3, 242), who also won a spot on the goal-line defensive unit in the spring; guards Tim Gillespie (6-3, 238) and Ricky Oliver (6-5, 240); tackles Chris Dieterich (6-3, 248) and Frank Hitt (6-3, 244). Basically, except for QB, it's the same Wolfpack which led the conference in rushing a year ago.

Sophomore tackle Bubba Green (6-5, 272) certainly makes a difference in how the defense will play. He was out with a knee last season, redshirted. He lines up with junior Simon Gupton (6-1, 252) with alternate John Stanton moving up at middle guard. Flanks are protected by starter Joe Hannah and letterman Jon Hall. Linebackers Kyle Wescoe and Bill Cowher, who led the team in tackles with a combined total 339, are there for their senior season. Woodrow Wilson remains from the secondary, which lost two all-conference people, and he will

be aided by experienced Larry Eberheart and Mike Nall. The kicking unit has been a valuable part of the Wolfpack for several years. Soph Nathan Ritter mak take the placekicking, but it's more than likely an incoming freshman will get the punting duties.

MARYLAND—(4-2-0, 7-4-0). Always, but always, or at least the past 3-4 years, the well-organized program of Coach Jerry Claiborne has come up with starting personnel from Maryland replacements, and this challenge becomes the greatest for the fall. The Terps lose not one outstanding quarterback, but two, because over the past three seasons Larry Dick and Mark Manges have complimented each other, one stepping in when the other was injured. Claiborne's Terps went to their fifth consecutive bowl game last December, and the QBs proved an integral part of the travel arrangements. All spring drill was spent testing and improving the new QBs on the passing game, Claiborne working so hard on this phase because he realized the Terps' attack, called the "Multiple Eye," could always go to the QB who best handed off the football to outstanding runners.

The Terps ranked No. 1 in the ACC passing a year ago, a nothing-to-brag-about fifth in rushing. Yet, there were injuries to the tailbacks which kept the starting assignment in question. Claiborne had three tailbacks: Steve Atkins (598 yds), Preacher Maddox (324 yds) and George Scott (894 yds). That's about the order they came on the scene, and between the Terrapin Triumvirate they ran 15 100-yard-plus games for career, and all return this fall. Scott, for instance, got a late call, and he closed out 1977 by carrying the ball 108 times in the last three games—for 581 yards. Great Scott, Claiborne even entertains the idea of having Scott and Atkins in the same backfield. QB may be Tim O'Hare, a senior, but there will be David McAfee and 6-7 Mike Tice, who has the best arm. Or a freshman QB. Dean Richards, good receiver, is starting wingback, and punt returner, Mickey Dudish the same at FB. Lettermen up front are Jim Ulam and Larry Stewart tackles, Glenn Chamberlain and Kervin Wyatt (injured last season) guards, Mike Simon center and Eric Sievers tight end.

Charlie Johnson (6-2, 250) came on so strong in the Hall of Fame Bowl victory over Minnesota (16 tackles, four sacks, caused two fumbles), that he's the leading Terrapin defender. Claiborne uses the "Wide Tackle Six" which puts Jim Shaffer and Joe Muffler ends, Ed Gall and Johnson tackles, Bruce Palmer and Marlin Van Horn guards. Four starters. That leaves Neal Olkewicz (138 tackles) the key linebacker with Brian Matera, the secondary consisting of Lloyd Burruss (two-year starter), Chris Ward and Ralph Lary. Mike Sochko, the guy with the great name for a kicker, is gone, but, would you believe, Claiborne comes up with walkon Dale Castro, who kicks. He's a punter who can hang one for five seconds.

DUKE—(2-4-0, 5-6-0). Spring drills brought a welcomed opportunity for individual attention for the Blue Devils. With some gaps in the blocking corps,



CARL McGEE comes off big junior season when he led Duke team in tackles.

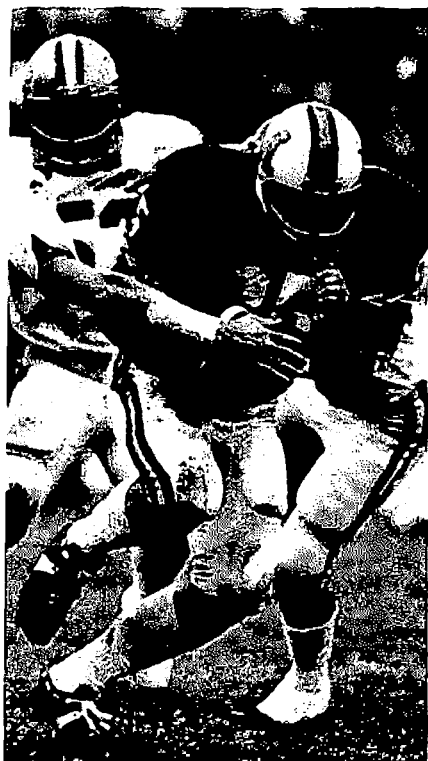


MIKE DUNN, quarterback for Blue Devils, is adept at the triple option play.

Coach Mike McGee said at the time: "Putting together an offensive line is difficult." Then there were some moves in the defensive personnel, and more individual attention was available. But Mike Dunn was missing at spring drills, and Mike Dunn is the Duke offense. He was out of school for academics, and it was difficult to do much with the attack that would carry the fall campaign. Dunn was the team's leading rusher (576 yds, 161 carries), and his passing showed 53.5 percent of 191 throws (1239 yds). Little wonder, then, that summer school attained a little more than passing interest from the Blue Devil fans. Mike Dunn was there.

Although Dunn was out, the spring switched the backfield somewhat. Sophomore Stanley Broadie, who became a FB starter when Ned Gonet was hurt, stepped over to the tailback spot for McGee's backfield. Broadie had 579 yds, Gonet 312, and junior Gregg Rhett (292 yds) ranks a strong alternate. Spring QBs were soph Craig Browning and junior Stanley Driskell, but everybody expects Dunn to be at the spot and overtake Leo Hart as the ACC's all-time total offensive yard-marker. The offensive line returns center Kevin Kelly (6-3, 220), tackle Tom Luongo (6-1, 245) and tight end Joel Patten. However, strong replacements moved up, such as Ken Staudinger (6-4, 235) at tackle, Bob Riordan (6-3, 224) at guard and Bill Marino (6-6, 245) from the defensive unit. Receivers will be Jeff Comer, Derrick Lewis and John Brinkman, who starred with the jayvees.

Defensively, where the Dukes kept themselves in trouble all season, holding only Virginia to less than two touchdowns, the Blue Devils return 16 lettermen and six starters. Linebacker Carl McGee (6-3, 225) as a strong senior heads his important position. He led the team in tackles and sacks, followed



DEAN RICHARDS, Terps' wingback, hauled down 23 passes for 370 yds in '77.

ERIC SIEVERS started as sophomore tight end in 1977 for Maryland Terps.

closely by mate Bill King. Up front, they lost the ends and a tackle, but senior starters Derrick Mashore (alternate at end), tackle Jack Algor (6-2, 242) and guard Andy Schoenhof (6-2, 232) return. Lettermen Tim Cadigan, Scott Hamilton and Greg Pritchard help out. Four part-time starters return in the secondary, including Dan Brooks, Ricky Sommers and George Gaudin, but several newcomers have an excellent chance to break into the lineup, including sophomore Gary Garstkiewicz. It's quite a challenge to open with Georgia Tech, although the game won't count in ACC standings—not for a couple more years.

WAKE FOREST—(0-6-0, 1-10-0). When John Mackovic quarterbacked the 1964 Wake Forest team, it led the ACC in offense, he was second all-conference QB and first all-academic. When he returned, from the Purdue staff, as head coach of the Deacons, he looked around for some semblance of a similar offense. Wake Forest had beaten Furman 24-7 in the 1977 opener, then simply quit scoring. James McDougald carried the ball 242 times, the next carrier 39. Mike McGlamry threw the ball 252 times, the next man 26. It got 11 touchdowns, five each for the Macs. Mackovic set about the task of finding people who could establish continuity, achieve better timing, etc. "Our attack will be pass-oriented," he says. "Call it the pro set with options, but we want to throw the ball 35 percent of the time. And it takes constant work on continuity, timing."

He found Ken Daley (6-4, 200) ready to throw. The junior hit only 7-for-24 off the bench, but the spring game resulted in 19-for-29, good for 289 yards. Receivers, thus, are an important portion of the act, and they are speedy: Tom Smith, Derek Crocker, Kenny Duckett, Syd Kitson and Buddy

Patterson. McDougald (5-9, 190, 987 yds) from tailback could become a pass target, Mackovic warns. Fullback may be split between Bob Ventresca or returning starter Stan Rolark. Soph Joe Happe (6-2, 240) moves up at center; Tim Davis (6-2, 245) starts again at guard, pushed hard by soph Terry Blanch (6-1, 240) and junior Rob Brassell (6-2, 235). Jackie Robinson (6-3, 250) advances to his senior year as an outstanding blocker, pairing with either junior Andy Young (6-3, 240) or soph Paul Gardner (6-7, 250).

Maybe the secondary does offer the strength of the Deacon defense, which was last in the conference in rushing defense and allowed 24.5 pts a game. Maybe it should be with three returning starters: junior James Royster, Reggie Tice and Mark Lancaster, who was the team leading tackler (119 hits). Soph Lewis Owens, who lettered as a freshman, completes the secondary. Both linebackers are new in the starting role: Marc Hester, soph Carlos Bradley or Rick Dadouris. Starters return on the flanks, Bruce Hopkins and Frank Armstrong return on the flanks, Gerry Vick and Mike Wisher or Eddie Yarnell, who shared one end as freshmen. Frank Armstrong (6-3, 225) starts again at tackle with Bruce Hopkins. Outstanding in the spring work was quick James Parker (5-10, 225), nose guard, and yet another tackle: soph Alex Brown (6-3, 250). The defense is young, but it is counting on some of those Deacons passes being completed.

VIRGINIA—(1-5-0, 1-9-1). This is Dick Bestwick's third season at Charlottesville. He views progress: "We were like two marshmallows colliding when we started two years ago. Last season we got to the point where one of the two guys colliding was really hitting. Now both guys in the collision are hitting, and they don't just lay there—they get up to go again." What they're going after, first and foremost, is a touchdown or so. Last season brought a grand total of six touchdowns, so it was amazing, honestly, that the Cavaliers came out with a tie with Virginia Tech and victory over Wake Forest (on four FGs, incidentally, 12-10). The powerless-I was forsaken for the twin veer, and Brian Burke became offensive co-ordinator, a spot he held under Lou Holtz at N.C. State.

And to engineer this offense Coach Bestwick brought two sophomores from out in the boondocks and made them the center of ball action. Mickey Spady, a good prep QB from Newport News, got the freshman run from QB (two days) to wide receiver to defensive back to punt returner. He almost returned to work in the shipyards. Then in the spring, among six QB candidates, he came to the top, and he goes into the fall No. 1. Greg Taylor caught eight passes as a freshman flanker, but he can run. He moved to one of the twin veer spots, one scrimmage ran 21 times for 174 yards and two TDs. He's back there with another soph, Tommy Vigorito (326 yds). Chip Mark, QB the final seven games and a good passer (65 for 124), returns with his corps of receivers: Jim Theiling, Ted Marchibroda, Mike Newhall and Tom Champlin. Up front experience comes with tackles Jeff Morrow (6-2, 262) and Ric Zimmerman (6-2, 245), guards Al Alvarez (6-1, 228)

and Eddie Smith (6-2, 233), but they are now blocking veer-style.

"Defensively, we have a lot of young people at linebacker," says Bestwick, "and I know our nose guard can be an improved position." At the guard is sophomore Mike Budd (6-1, 230), who is improved, playing between tackles Lee Browning (6-1, 230) and Grant Hudson (6-5, 268), a two-year starter. Ends (considered outside linebackers) are Steve Potter and Bill Bridges. The secondary could be a strong point: Derrick Glasper, Tony Blount and Bryan Shumock, who started last season as No. 1 QB. And then there's Russ Henderson. He's the punter. He had to kick an awful lot, 85 times in fact, by far the most of the nation's top 20 (in which his 42.5 rated 13th). His career average is 43.6 yds on an incredible 204 punts. His field goal percentage is very good. So is his point-after-touchdown efficiency. But 4-for-4 didn't keep him too busy. Maybe the twin veer can get some TDs for his PATs.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

UT-CHATTANOOGA—(4-1-0, 9-1-1). It was the Mocs' first year in the conference. Recalls Coach Joe Morrison, "We may have slipped up on Appalachian, but after that, I think everybody else knew what kind of club we had." The Mocs lost only to Furman, shared the conference title. They placed five on all-conference, and the Moc who made the greatest impression was a walkon freshman, Tony Ball, who became the No. 1 kickoff returner in the nation (36.4 yds per

CRAIG JONES, right, is only junior but holds all VMI field goal records and makes big bid for All-America status this year.



RUSS HENDERSON, left, is overworked but steady as Virginia punter; also placekicks. Mainstay DT is, 6-5 vet **GRANT HUDSON**.



return). He made good his own challenge, then quipped: "That was some way to go about winning a scholarship."

The offense ranked sixth in the nation rushing, possessing two 1000-yard-gainers, sophs Mike Smith (1067 yds, 6.2 avg) and Gwain Durden (1045 yds, 6.3 avg). Returning QB, senior Tony Merendino (6-3, 200) threw only 105 times and took his turn running the split-back veer. TE Jim Schoepler, granted an extra year as hardship, led UTC receivers (16 for 277 yds). The line replaces the middle, but returning are two All-SC selections, guard Joe Petosa (6-1, 225) and tackle Paul Edmonson (6-3, 235).

Overall depth in the defensive line is a plus, since it includes All-SC tackle Ronnie Powe (6-2, 225), nose guards Jim Johnson and John Creager, tackles Marty Duncan, Jacob Burney and Tim Franklin. Linebackers Kurt Woerner (105 tackles) and Danny Emery (101) return in that department, and veteran Ken Hall tops the ends. The secondary returns, sparked by All-SC Kenny Mitchell with Tom Brackett, Wayne Crittenden and David McKinney. The fifth all-conference Moc in the first league season was the punter, Greg Cater, who hopes for a more routine sophomore season. He really had to scramble for some snaps a year ago.

VIRGINIA MILITARY—(4-1-0, 7-4-0). When Bob Thalman starts figuring up what it takes to be conference champion (or co-winner as in 1977), he has to visit the computer department of the institute. Five games with conference opponents are required to be eligible for the title, and the ever-changing Southern Conference doesn't have many schedules so built in. As a year ago, VMI must count two outside games (W&M and East Carolina) as league events. The Keydets won the Big Five title (best in the state of Virginia), and its defense was truly outstanding. Leading the conference overall, it also was No. 1 against rushing, allowing opponents only 2.7 yards per carry for the season. Some of that defense is gone, and three-fourths of the offensive backfield graduated.

Much work has to be done defensively, although the secondary has four starters back: All-SC Gary McNeal, Tony Hamilton, Mike Alston and Walt Belamy. Dale Ogg is linebacker, junior Jeff Morgan the middle guard, and Tim Cox at one end. The big replacement must be made at the tackles, where three-year regulars are gone. Senior Tommy Earle (6-2, 231), Joe Benda (6-3, 235) and Pat McCarthy (6-1, 200) replace them.

Good news in the offensive backfield is that Robby Clark again runs the attack as QB. He is a fine running QB, throwing only 105 times. But Thalman's program replenishes the running backs with junior Jeff Washington, soph Butch Hostetter and Jeff White, plus FB Joe Robinson. Four of five interior line spots are set: three tackles who have started in the past (Bob Bookmiller, Alan Soltis and John Shuman), center Craig Cox and tight end Greg Weaver. Thus, the offense seems solid, and the defense will dig in to repeat that 2.7 yards per carry to all opponents. Craig Jones is an All-America kicker.

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WESTERN CAROLINA—(2-2-1, 6-4-1). The Cata-mounts, in their first season Division I, jumped on the final five opponents with a solid offense and set the pace for this season. Says Coach Bob Waters, "We must continue to improve the way we did near the end of the season, but we must revamp our running game and make some offensive decisions. I think we have the potential to be challengers, but having potential is a long way from performing successfully." Western Carolina had Darrell Lipford and Wayne Tolleson (nation's No. 1 receiver) ranked one-two in voting for SC player of the year, but they are gone. That's some of the "offensive decisions" Waters will have to make going into his ninth season at Cullowhee.

All-conference QB Mike Pusey (140 passes in 248 throws, 1939 yds, 13 TDs) is again there to direct the attack, which has two fullbacks, Andy Jordan and Jeff Norman, and tailbacks led by Mitchell Ray with most experience. Gerald Harp, called the "catback," caught 23 passes a year ago, making him and Fred Meadows the top receivers. Offensive line played together a year ago, mainly center Steve Dunn (6-1, 209); guards Robbie Vannoy, Linnet Price and Joel McCracken; tackles Chuck Dellinger, Clarence Gibbs and Joel Potts.

Defensively, where the Cats made a mid-season turnabout, blanking East Tennessee and helping win the last five, 10 starters return. The secondary, No. 8 pass defense in the nation, has Thomas Gunn, Willie Carpenter, Willie Wells and Bill Repass, while Randy Howard and Charles Hughes are LBs. Ty Smith is a Catamount at middle guard, with Larry McClain, Tim Williams and Bobby Peche at tackle. Sid Cunningham and Tommy Renfro protect the flanks. Thus, the Catamounts have numbers (39 lettermen) and lots of experienced people to challenge.

APPALACHIAN—(1-4-0, 2-9-0). A year ago, the Mountaineers were favored to capture the conference championship. They were never in contention. Coach Jim Brakefield, being as practical as a man can get, says, "Needless to say, we're disappointed in what happened last year. And we don't want to ever go through anything like that again." There are experienced people at many positions, but nobody knows who the quarterback will be and the defensive line has a majority of sophomores. Obviously, those are the positions where key attention will be placed in this rebuilding year. Fortunately, the schedule is not quite as demanding.

The defense has six returning starters, including the ends, David Garner and junior Sami Killman, 6-2, 210 and most aggressive. That leaves sophomores interior: Greg Angle middle guard, tackles Steve Rice (6-2, 235) and Eric Elkin (6-3, 230). Three seniors, all of whom have been starters, battle at linebacker, just as they have done for three previous seasons: Pat Murphy (6-3, 220), David Bowman (6-1, 225) and John Wynn (6-2, 225). In the secondary Mike Pritchett and Butch Cannady are regulars returning.

Four sophs come into the fall "dead even" as the starting QB: Steve Brown, Mike Michael, John

Keefe and Paul Hamilton. Scott McConnell (3rd leading rusher, 442 yds) starts as running back in the wishbone, probably with soph Arnold Floyd and FB Greg Kilday. The line has experience, with starters Russell Wilson (6-0, 240) tackle, John Keeton TE and Michael Peterson SE (top receiver: 26 catches, 345 yds). Chuck Cole takes over center, Dan Medlin the other tackle, Stan Olsen and Steve Parish guards. It will be a testing campaign, but in a more positive light.

THE CITADEL—(3-2-0, 5-6-0). Art Baker, versed in Southern Conference football, moved his center of operations from the South Carolina foothills (Furman) to the seashore, and he will seek to rebuild The Citadel's Bulldogs. "We have the talent to have a good club and compete for the conference title," he says, and most of it is young. Some upcoming sophomores may move into starting roles. There are 42 lettermen available, and Baker plans to retain his wide tackle six and continue the I, but with veer options. That will change the attack, which finished dead last in SC rushing offense and scoring (only 12.1 pts per game).

It may also affect the QB situation. Marty Crosby had a good soph year, rated conference No. 2 passer as a junior—but had 16 interceptions and a lone TD pass. Marty played rightfield for the Bulldog baseball team in the spring and junior Kim Russell became No. 1 QB. He started the final two games of 1977. TB Lyvonnia Mitchell was the top rusher (112 carries, 518 yds) as a freshman, and he may be the best Bulldog runner ever. FB Sam Scadlock (6-3, 230) underwent spring surgery. Flanker Mark Slawson returns as No. 1 receiver. Regulars up front are again Orion Rust tight end, Tom Federick center, Don Rust and Bill Bloodworth guards.

Six return on defense, where freshmen move up. Paul Gillis was All-SC secondary and led Bulldogs tackling with 165, while Kevin White topped conference interceptions (7). Linebacker Kenny Caldwell (All-SC) also had spring surgery. Guard Scott Wages returns, and tackle Bob Reese moves over to guard, leaving Chuck Strong as the other tackle strong man. It will be a new coach, but he knows his way around the conference. So very well.

FURMAN—(3-2-1, 4-5-2). Dick Sheridan had been on Art Baker's staff five years, handling the offense and in charge of recruiting, so he was the logical man to become head coach when Baker left. The Paladins were in contention for the conference championship until a late-season defeat by VMI 28-21, and Sheridan will again find a strong offensive attack, and he looks for a good recruiting year overall, not just the Atlanta and Florida areas which were his prior assignments.

David Henderson (6-1, 180) returns as the Paladin quarterback, a player with experience and a good arm (56.3 percent completion on 158 passes, 1089 yds, six TDs). Jimmy Kiser is again the flanker. However, major losses came at the running back positions, although FB Kent Woerner (708 yds, seven TDs) was the No. 8 conference rusher a year ago. Rising sophomores will get calls, Mike Glenn, Cal-

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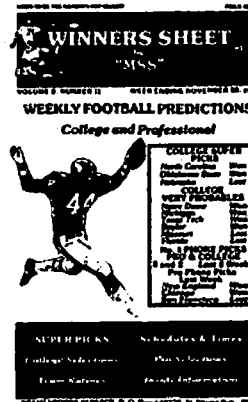
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vin Harkleff and Steve Bishop, the latter switched from FB. Center Ricky Young (6-2, 230) returns as center, Hal Westlake at tackle, while Brett Simmons and Greg Laetsch replace ends.

Defensively, seven regulars return. David Kelly, Russell Gambrell and Scott Bowers provide the necessary experience in the secondary, while Bryant Hesseltine is a veteran linebacker. David Lyle (6-4, 230), Bruce Lancaster and Steve Botkin carry over in the front alignment as the Paladins, under a new coach in name only, because Sheridan knows the personnel and the same system well, try to rebuild for a bonafied title shot.

MARSHALL—(0-5-0, 2-9-0). Practicality comes with coaching experience, so when Coach Frank Ellwood looks at 34 returning lettermen, a majority of whom were 1977 starters, and finds the entire offensive unit intact, he says, "We hope we will not be playing from behind as often, which will put our offensive strategy in a different perspective." The Thundering Herd did quite well controlling the game tempo defensively, but it finished a dead last in the conference, rushing defense and scoring defense (35.4 per game). That was the main search in spring drills.

Ellwood adds, "Our two most obvious areas of need are linebacker and the secondary." LB experience returns with Hobart Phillips, Mel Adderton, Dennis Bellamy, Mike Sprouse and Luke Spencer. Sam Kinker, who started the final game, and Rodney Gibson provide secondary experience. Front play returns sophomore George Elliott (5-11, 225) at middle guard, Dave Kirby (6-0, 230) and Brian Hite (6-1, 246) at tackles. A lot of work lies ahead.

But the offense is on hand again, intact. That includes Marshall's first 1000-yard rusher. C. W. Geiger, and a three-year starter at QB, senior Bud Nelson (6-1, 206) who runs and throws in the power-I. Tim Campbell, Mike Bailey and Bob Campbell all lettered at the running spots. Ray Crisp and Kevin Jackson return as receivers, then Greg Smith center, Sylvester Drobney and Dan Wells guards, Matt Gaines and Howie Harris tackles. After winning two of the first three, the Herd became less than thundering by dropping the last eight. It won't happen again.

DAVIDSON—(0-0-0, 4-6-0). The Wildcat offense scratched out 350 yards of average offense a year ago, and everybody's back, well, except for runner Pete Legler who transferred to Fordham. Coach Ed Farrell also has a schedule that drops Delaware and VMI, adds Wofford and Furman. Even though not competing for the Southern Conference football championship, the Wildcats figure this continued offense will bring a winning season. QB Bob McCarthy will be a third year starter, having hit 55 percent of his passes last season, with three-year TE Larry Crees and soph receiver Gifford Piercy as targets. FB Page Wally (759 yds) aims for the school rushing record, and soph Craig Pyles (386 yds) takes the other back spot in the wing T. Three-year starter Wyatt Alston at tackle, two-year starter Dave Donaldson at center and senior Bob Clarkson at

guard, the line has experience.

Eight regulars are again on defense, paced up front by middle guard Svend Pedersen and tackles: Frank Fields and Mike Sheridan. With ends listed as outside linebackers, seven lettermen vie for the four positions, led by returning starters Barry Cannon and Chris Crosby. The secondary has experience with regulars Kevin Hanna, Hanna, Chris Boslet and Phil Gilbert. With 31 lettermen, 16 returning starters, the Wildcats will improve.

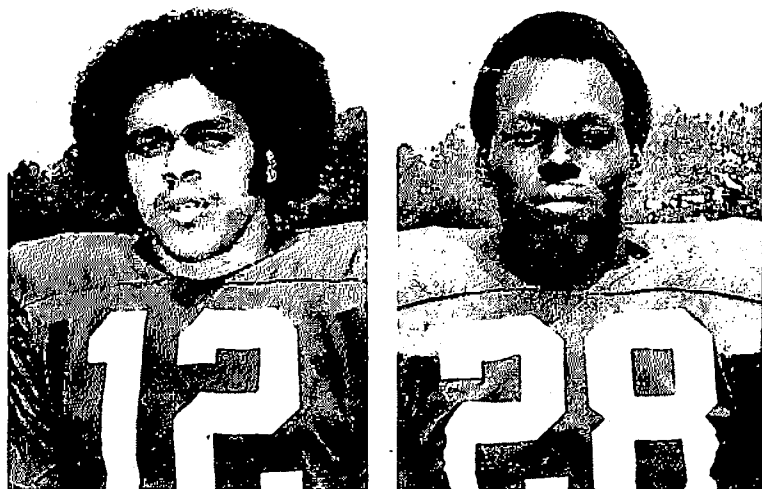
INDEPENDENTS

EAST CAROLINA—(8-3-0). Losing two of the final three games, and by a total of six points, not only galled the Purple Pirate Pride but it turned into a vivid color the determination for the coming season. East Carolina achieved a Top Twenty ranking at mid-season, first time ever, and there was bowl talk, even after a TV loss to South Carolina. Those little things stick in the craw of young Coach Pat Dye, 37 lettermen and 16 returning starters. Some important Pirates are gone, and a new placekicker must come from the ranks, and there is optimism.

The offense gets three big plusses from Coach Dye: "We should have the best running backs yet. As for our quarterback situation, Leander Green is a sure winner. We hope that someone else will also establish himself as a winner at quarterback. Up front we have experience except at center, and we have the material." The running backs are FB Theodore Sutton (5-9, 200) who got 706 yards, RB Eddie Hicks (6-2, 210) who has career average of 6.9 yds per carry, and the QB, Green, who ran 546 yards while throwing only 38 times. It is Dye's biggest line ever: reserve Jeff Hagans (6-1, 235) now center; senior Nelson Smith (6-1, 240) and Mitchell Johnson (6-3, 245) guards; senior Mitchell Smith (6-2, 250) and Mike Heywood (6-3, 235) tackles. Billy Ray Washington has moved from TE to the split, Joe Godette from OT to TE.

Linebackers must be replaced, that by Mike

LEANDER GREEN, left, junior quarterback, moves into full-time job at East Carolina and senior running back EDDIE HICKS, 6-2, 210, brings 6.9-yard career record.



Brewington and Tommy Summer. Zack Valentine (5-11, 240) heads the ends, including John Morris and Fred Chavis, while two-year starter Oliver Pelton is the nose guard. Gerald Hall tops the secondary as usual, and Pirates can hardly wait.

VIRGINIA TECH—(3-7-1). In one of the off-season surprises Bill Dooley changed addresses from Chapel Hill to Blacksburg. He departed 11 years at North Carolina to become coach and AD at Virginia Tech, and the challenge is immediate: Tech has had only three winning football seasons in the last nine years. And this fall they take on Alabama, Kentucky and Auburn from the SEC, Clemson from the ACC as starters. Says Dooley, "We don't have a timetable. I'm sure that measurable progress is going to require patience." And with that, he began his hard-work schedule, not only for himself and his new staff but for the 55 returning letterman.

Dooley will stay with his I-formation, and senior QB David Lamie fits well into that. Lamie carried the ball 122 times last year, threw 107 passes. He was the top scorer, but did not have a TD pass. Running back will be a sprinter, Dennis Scott (5th in NCAA indoor 60) and junior Kenny Lewis ('78 AAU team), but major excitement comes with "The Incredible Hulk," as 6-2, 242 Mickey Fitzgerald is called. He switched from TE to FB at midseason, averaged 125 yards for each of final four games (with 7 TDs). There's an all-senior line, headed by guard Leonard Walker (6-2, 255), Greg Birtsch, John Latina, Ed Lewis, and center Tory Smith.

Defense is bolstered by return of two-year tackle starter Mike Faulkner (6-2, 247), out last season with injury, and Doug McDougald (6-6, 261). Faulkner's return allows Danny Hill to shift to noseguard. Secondary has Gene Bunn (one shy of school interception record) and three-year starter Gary Smith. Juco All-America Nate Parker and senior Jerry Sheehan head the linebackers. And Dooley had a good recruiting year.

MICKY FITZGERALD, left, shifted from tight end to fullback in midseason, averaging 125 yards at Virginia Tech. Guard **LEONARD WALKER** often opened holes.



WILLIAM & MARY—(6-5-0). The Tribe registered its second straight winning season, even though 6-5 is just a hair above the line, but the Indians were slowed by a rash of injuries. Therefore, optimism for the coming year is geared to the fact that they finished strong, winning their last three games. Coach Jim Root, now in his seventh season, reviewed that drive: "Our players didn't give up. We had our backs to the wall (3-5) and the kids really came through when things didn't look too promising." And he anticipates a carryover: "We have an outstanding group returning. The seniors on this year's team will be the young men who as freshmen got an awful lot of playing time for us."

They include two offensive stars: two-year all-star QB Tom Rozantz and All-ECAC wide receiver Joe Manderfield. Rozantz had 1280 aerial yards a year ago, but he also carried 111 times and was the team leading scorer with seven TDs. Manderfield had 32 catches for a good 626 yards, three of them TDs from Rozantz. Tom Franco and Andy Banks move up as runners. Up front starters return: John Cerminara guard, Ken Cloud tackle, Mike Burgess receiver also. Only twice was the Tribe's veer held to less than two touchdowns. Rozantz may go to the air more.

Defensively, the Tribe strength comes in front of the secondary, which was wiped out by graduation. However, all secondary returnees have started on occasions. Two big tackles return, Pete Griffin (6-3, 245) and Dan Burnick (6-4, 260), and Melvin Martin has been outstanding at end. Linebacker regulars, both 6-1, will again be Jim Ryan and Steve Shull. Replacements are very important on the defense, since only five regulars are around to carry on the win formula they found last November.

SOUTH CAROLINA—(5-7-0). Young indeed will be the Gamecocks which Coach Jim Carlen brings along this season. Of 32 returning lettermen, only 11 are seniors, and the returning starters are only 10 (five on each unit), half of them seniors. So the Carlen search for his triple option offense will be a quarterback, and for his defense a free safety who can make that final tackle when all else fails. The Gamecocks started well a year ago, 17-0 over Georgia Tech and 42-19 over Miami (O), but when the weather got colder, so did the Gamecocks. They won only one of the final seven, and only a trip to Honolulu saved things (although losing to Hawaii).

"Quarterback is where it all begins and that will be a big concern," says Carlen. "We're lacking in experience, and the position is wide open." Greg Gresham played sparingly behind two-year starter Ron Bass, and Skip Ramsey comes as a transfer (from Alabama). Four others may work in. Running backs are again Spencer Clark, top gainer (77 yds, 5.8 avg) and Steve Dorsey (418 yds). Flanker Zion McKinney was the No. 2 receiver, but mostly for short throws. Up front senior guard Tony Penny and center Danny Clancy return. Britt Parrish was '77's leading scorer with 53 points, as the kicker who got 11 of 19 field goal attempts.

Secondary does return cornerback Rick Sanford, and reserves will move up at the other spots, includ-

ing the free safety where Carlen is concerned. Tim Singleton (6-3, 235) draws experience to linebacking, and seniors spark the front: Bill Janus (6-0, 235) at middle guard, Steve Bernish (6-4, 240) at tackle and John Dantonio (6-3, 215) at end. And there's Max Runager to punt again (42.6 avg).

RICHMOND—(3-8-0). Coach Jim Tait, entering his 13th season at Richmond, the fifth as head coach, obviously feels optimistic about have 17 returning starters. But then he gets to the more practical view, and realizes most of them were freshmen a year ago—and had to start. But among the missing is the veteran quarterback, Dave Taylor, and this was where Coach Tait began his search in spring practice.

Defensively, 10 starters return, paced by free safety Jeff Nixon who was hampered by injury last season. He holds the school interception record (16). End Ray Chase, voted the squad's MVP, led the defense in sacks and tackles (107). Other standouts, though young, include Ken Gilliam, Billy Cheshire, Greg Mitchell and Jim Coppola in the line, plus linebacker Ray Kelly.

"With Dave (Taylor) gone, it looks like our two top QB candidates will be James Short and Greg Gregory," says Coach Tait. Short is an excellent runner, and sophomore Reggie Evans (6-0, 195) ran so very well in spring drills and vies with senior Demetri Kornegay. All receivers return—soph Ken Tweedy, Mike Carter and Ian Beckstead. Center Joe Kroger and tackles Jesse Moore and Forrest Paulson bolster the front blocking crew. The Spiders count on a lot of sophomores in this offense—second-year starters, too.

GUILFORD—(3-7-0). Coach Charles Forbes could have the most experienced team at Guilford in quite a few years. There are 15 starters among 45 lettermen on hand, and a multitude of injuries last season enabled a lot of young players to gain experience. The offense misses a veteran QB, to be replaced by either senior Manny Fernandez, No. 1 backup; senior Joe Osborne, redshirted; junior Mike Bradley or Randy Smith, transfer (from Elon). Tailbacks are power-type Greg Small and speedster Chris Scissom. Receivers Avery Cutshaw and Dale Lee are back, and the line shows experience with center David Cubbage, guard James Dismuke and tackle William Hoyle. Senior safety Greg Ferguson returns, and the front, seven are experienced with noseguard Mike Ketchum, redshirted; Steve Garriss and transfer John Wrape at ends; and big tackles Joe Sazama, Andy Collins, Weldon Hinshaw and Jim Teague. The Quakers continue to rebuild.

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE—(6-0-0, 9-1-1). There's always something new for Coach Willie Jeffries to win. This time it will be his fifth straight MEAC football championship—and a sixth straight bowl. Only seven starting spots must be replaced, five of those on defense. The Bulldogs ranked No. 5 NCAA Division II on defense, and All-MEAC end Bobby



JEFF NIXON, 6-4, 195 pounds, was hampered by injury in 1977, but Richmond safety got credit for 125 tackles.

Moore heads the returning corps, along with tackles Walt Sullivan and Phil Murphy, and a secondary that picked off 19 interceptions and allowed just 69 completions during the regular season. But it was offense where the Jeffries touch was truly golden. The Bulldogs were No. 1 in the nation rushing, 321.5 yards per game. The offense will be QB'd by Nate Rivers, 6-1 senior (team's No. 2 rusher, 863 yds, 13 TDs) and tailbacked by Charles Burgess (injury hampered a year ago, after being No. 1 rusher two seasons). Even with experience, the offensive line has switched around some: senior guard Hugh Workman to tackle, with All-MEAC Albert Lester; soph tackle Edwin Bailey (6-3, 245) to guard, with All-MEAC Arthur Prescott. There is also the Bulldog threat of maybe throwing the ball during a game.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T—(5-1-0, 7-4-0). Coach Jim McKinley had his Aggie debut a year ago—and lost the first three Saturdays. But then the Aggies regrouped, worked just a little harder on the veer and finished with seven victories in the last eight games. Defense will again be the Aggie key this season, and McKinley starts with All-MEAC ends, Dwaine Board (6-5, 245), conference defensive player of year, and Warren Bethea (6-4, 245), younger brother of ex-Aggie Elvin Bethea. Tackles are All-MEAC Lucien Nibbs (6-7, 262) and Ulysses Thompson (6-7, 255). McKinley says, "The line is going to be the backbone of our defense," and that's a big backbone. The Aggies must find a new quarterback, narrowed between William Watson and Fred Freeman. Both are good passers. Watson won the spring game. Talented runners include freshman Charlie Sutton, 9.6 speed. Receivers are experienced, including Lon Harris and Allen Thomas, and interior linemen are sparked by tackle Wheeler Brown, guards William Harvey and Willie Washington.

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DELAWARE STATE—(4-2-0, 7-4-0). "Every player is eager to get out there and start playing," says Coach Ed Wyche. "They're all announcing that we're going to win the conference championship. That's what they're saying anyway." The Hornets started stinging last season, made a run at the MEAC leaders, had Wyche selected MEAC coach of the year. The Hornets' first encounter this season will be, yes, S. C. State. Defense has an experienced secondary with Donald Holden and Thomas Douglas. Offensively, QB will be either Andre Brown, Michael Evans or Phil Jackson, with runners Anthony Beamon and Ronnie Shaw. Experience bolsters both lines, Rodney Arnold (6-3, 280) on the offense at tackle, Connie Hillard (6-4, 275) and Donald Robinson (6-2, 215) on the defense, also at tackles.

HOWARD—(2-4-0, 5-5-0). A year of disappointment is gone, that being the first half of last season when injuries hurt more than bones and bodies. When junior Brian Thomas returned at QB, Coach Doug Porter's Bison went 4-2. Sixteen of these starters return, 10 of them defensively, a unit that recorded 41 sacks, posted three shutouts and forced 27 turnovers. Senior tackle Thomas Spears (6-4, 275) returns as All-MEAC, with Leonard Stephens (6-5, 235) and Larry Hamilton at ends, Scott Fadyson leading experienced linebackers and Theodore Robinson the secondary. Thomas, along with soph Ronald Wilson who got early baptism last September, directs the offense with soph Gary Madden as runner. Wingback Steve Wilson and TE Fitz Fowler top the receivers, with up front interior play counted on from tackle Mike Tarver, guard Ralph Grimes.

Sixty lettermen, mostly underclassmen, return at **MORGAN STATE** (3-3-0, 4-6-1), but QB remains a problem. Senior Donald Beasley has the lead, but it could be a call to jack-of-all trades Steve Turpin, the punter normally. Lloyd McCleve and Michael Mayer return in the backfield. Defense returns Arthur Cook, Henry Robinson, and Mike Lyons up front. **NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL** (0-6-0, 1-10-0) has new Coach Ray Greene (Akron) looking for QB, with All-MEAC tight end Joe Mack returning. Defense gets first call, banking on regulars Walt Odom LB, Kenneth Ramsey T and Ricky Mazingo, DB. **MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE** (1-5-0, 3-8-0) also has a new coach, Joe Redmond (Northern Illinois), and he points to the defense as the key, rebuilding around big tackles Greg McIntosh and Ed Jackson. Freshmen figure in the offensive line, and the Hawks return runners Ralph Esquin and Carl Hardaway, receivers James LeSane and Wilbur Arrington.

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

ELON—(6-1-0, 9-2-0). Rookie head coach Jerry Tolley got a late start with the Fighting Christians last season, then he took them to the conference title again and high NAIA ranking. Elon again draws top NAIA attention this year, the offense working as never before. Mike Currin took over at QB, placed conference third in total offense, and he had two freshman runners: Bobby Hedrick, 2nd all-league

and school record 1177 yards, and Bob DeFrenn, 703 yards. Experienced receivers return, and both guards, now as seniors, were 2nd all-league: Roger Phillips (6-0, 210) and Bruce Morgan (6-2, 215). "We'll be a little younger," says Coach Tolley as he looked at the defense, where the secondary was depleted. It was a secondary which ranked 15th in the NAIA pass defense, but the Christians will fill in well. It seems they can always rip off a score when needed, since Mitch Rippy kicked 11 field goals en route to 67 points—giving Elon the No. 2, 3 and 4 conference scorers a year ago, and still counting.

PRESBYTERIAN—(5-2-0, 7-3-1). Coach Cally Gault has been around a few years, and 1977 was truly a pleasure. The Hosemen finished second in the conference, and the list of long-gone seniors would seem to tear up the Hose. But there's optimism, and it centers on the "best front seven" in years. There are all-conference Jim McCoun and 2nd-team David Shaddrix at ends, Paul Moye and Bill Sizemore at tackles, Bill Berry and Rick Porter at linebackers. QB remains wide open, soph Jim Spence gaining the spring edge, with transfer Don Porter in line. Blocking gets down to tackle Roy Walker, guard Keith Henderson and tight end Danny Thorton. While the running will come from new bodies, receiving remains with split end Jessie Cason, who started eight games as a freshman, and flanker Jay Byars. Gault was chosen SAC-8 coach of the year, but now the cry is: "Hit Great Seven in '77, Win More Than Eight in '78."

MARS HILL—(5-2-0, 7-3-0). Only six seniors graduated from the Lions den, but they were important ones, including the all-conference QB, Mark Dickerson. However, Coach Claude Gibson has an experienced offensive line built around all-league guard Allen Rice (6-1, 269) and tight end depth, with Steve Maennle, Frank Jenkins and Jeff Barton. Development of QB Mike Wooten, naturally, determines how the ball will move, working with two fine runners, Roger Cruell (785 yards, only 8 games played) and fullback James Miller. The defense placed just behind Elon in conference stats, and it again has experience. End Richard Bagwell, and tackle John Gullledge spark the downlinemen, while experienced secondary includes Danny Miller, Admiral Webster and Steve Campbell. This could be the darkhorse entry in the SAC-8 barring unforeseen misfortunes in the offensive backfield.

LENOIR RHYNE—(3-4-0, 5-5-1). It took a year and a half to recuperate, but the Bears posted victories in four of their last five contests a year ago, and that is cause for optimism from Coach Jack Huss and all the Bear followers. The offense comes as a well-rounded package, starting with two QBs: Jeff Flowe, who led total offense, and sophomore Craig Corbett, who got in only five games but hit 74.1 percent of passes for 76 yards per game. Butch Baker was All-SAC-8 as a soph, running 877 yards, while Don Strayhorn had 622 Kevin Johnson 4.8 per carry. Sheldon Davis, as a freshman split end, set a school pass receiving record (43 for 677 yds, 9 TDs), and

the line is strong, headed by All-NAIA District tackle Charlie Holtzclaw (6-1, 248) and Jimmy Coffey (6-1, 255). Injuries hurt the defense last season, mainly the first half, but it is now solid. Noseguard belongs to Ned Parrish (6-3, 235), with Mark Barbour and Robert Hughes again at ends.

GARDNER-WEBB (5-2-0, 7-4-0) plans both the veer and the power-I under new Coach Billy Kinard, and if the recruits include a big fullback, it will be the I. The Bulldogs roared on offense a year ago, 10th in the NAIA rushing. But this time the attack rebuilds around three all-league linemen, center Richard Mack, guard Jeff Carter and 6-2, 240 tackle Mark Classen. Dennis Stilley and Matt Ballard vie for QB—and staying out of the medic quarters. **CARSON-NEWMAN** (2-5-0, 3-7-0) has a new coach, Ron Case, and a new veer. Senior QB Danny Sanders (6-4, 205) is a great passer (1999 yards leading conference), but soph Brad Payne is better runner. Strong running backs will be Vann Williams, Terry Benjamin and Charlie Johnson, but the defense is again suspect. It gave up 264 points a year ago, and finished last in the conference stats. **CATAWBA** (1-6-0, 3-7-0) finds experience for Coach Warren Klawiter. Co-capt. Ted Inscore heads the defense as linebacker, bolstered by juco transfers John Twitty (T) and Rodney Robbins (E). Offensive backfield is intact: FB John Nord, RBs Wayne Foster and Ricky White, QB Mark Hess with juco transfer Randy Blake. **NEWBERRY** (1-6-0, 2-7-1) has new coach, Reed Charpia, with offensive returnees QB Jeff Tate and all-district SE Jerome Williams. LB Dennis Yarbrough and free safety D.D. Boyd return all-star honors.

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

VIRGINIA UNION—(7-1-0, 10-1-0). The Big Red Machine blushed only one time last fall, and it cost them the conference championship. Coach Willard Bailey retains the nucleus of that fine squad, seeking the title again. The Panthers have their backfield intact, plus the outstanding backup QB, Ruffin Joyner. Always dangerous Judge Thomas (870 yds total) runs the football, and Malcolm Barnwell adds rushing to his pass-catching chores (8 TDs in 30 catches). But defense is again the name of the game, at which the Panthers ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II (157.1 yds avg). The speedy end, Plummer Bullock, again heads this important cog in the Big Red Machine. Another power is the leg of Mike Crawley, All-CIAA punter for two seasons, and this time he'd like to add the championship award.

WINSTON-SALEM STATE—(8-0-0, 11-0-0). Surprise of the 1977 campaign was Coach Bill Hayes' Rams, who went unbeaten in the regular season—winning the team title and making the head man CIAA coach of the year. The defense is again experienced, with regulars returning, but it is the offense which draws top attention. It was No. 1 rushing (and total) in the conference last year, getting 29.7 points a game. It returns the CIAA total offense leader, junior QB Kermit Blount, a fine passer. All-confer-

ence Timmy Newsome again runs at FB, where he bulled his way to 908 yards and 14 TDs in the title run, although he missed the last two games due to injury. A definite plus in the scoring pattern is all-conference Derek Brewington, the placekicker.

HAMPTON—(5-3-0, 7-4-0). Every season Coach Walt Lovett puts a team on the field, it is labelled either favorite or contender for the CIAA honors, and this is no exception. However, the Pirates, which led the conference passing offense, must replace both points of this attack, QB Russ Seaton and WR Reggie Midget. To spear the attack is senior QB Jenson Baker, getting an extra season due to early injury last fall, with Donnell Lewis and Lenny Hale as runners. TE Larry Williams was all-conference. The defense sort of builds up to All-CIAA tackle Ernie White, a junior who goes 6-foot-7 and 302 pounds.

NORFOLK STATE—(4-3-1, 4-6-1). Thirty-eight lettermen will be on hand for the Spartans' challenge for the conference championship under Coach Dick Price. The league's outstanding ball-carrier, LaRue Harrington, seeks his third straight 1,000-yard rushing season (as a junior). He reached that total in the season finale last November, 42 carriers for 241 yards and 1090 total. Experienced QBs Tony Holloway and Jimmy Robinson return, and the offensive line is intact. Defensively, strength lies in the secondary where All-MEAC Mike Ellis, who had school record 12 interceptions, and sophomore Raymond Lee star.

In his second season Coach Tom Morris builds **VIRGINIA STATE** (6-1-1, 7-3-1) around an offense which again features Maurice Banks as quarterback and the fine fullback, George Leonard (1003 yds) who made all-conference as a sophomore. The Trojan defense, second against rushing in the league, has experience, with Linwood Hardy leading the secondary. **JOHNSON C. SMITH** (2-6-0, 3-7-0) saw veteran Eddie McGuirt retire (still AD) and young Wylie Harris is the head coach. There are 25 seniors returning. Defensively, the secondary appears solid with Derick Sterling, Ronnie Armstrong and Willie Jones. Running the ball will again be Roy Rainey and Edward Johnston, with James Highsmith an excellent wide receiver—and with tackle Emanuel Smith (6-4, 270) warding off tacklers. **ELIZABETH CITY STATE** (3-5-0, 4-6-0) banks on recruits for its upcoming season, which is the second for Coach Tommy Holmes. The offense centers on QB Johnnie Williams, No. 4 passer in the league (892 yds, 64 completions). **FAYETTEVILLE STATE** (2-6-0, 3-7-0) also counts on new players as Coach Ray McDougal rebuilds from a year ago. **LIVINGSTONE** (4-4-0, 4-6-0) goes with a freshman quarterback, being recruited by Coach Baxter Holman, marking another rebuilding season. **SHAW** (1-7-0, 2-8-0) returns wide receiver Bo Darden, and Coach Horace Small has Wilbert King as the secondary leader. **ST. PAUL'S** (0-8-0, 1-10-0) lost part of its passing attack, but Coach Pernell Simms has linebackers Gerald Hicks and Waldo Freeman, along with defensive back Willie Grims for that unit.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC

JACKSON STATE—(5-1-0, 8-3-0). When Coach W.C. Gordon was an assistant, he was the defensive coordinator. His first full season heading Jackson State, the Tigers ranked No. 1 in total defense and rushing defense in NCAA Division I. As the Tigers get the SWAC nod for top spot, they return the bulk of the outer defense, although only tackle Robert Hardy (6-2, 250), a senior star, up front. Larry Werts, Joe Fant and Frank Thomas move up as replacements. Linebackers are intact: Larry McCaskill, Phillip Perkins and Grady Majison, and ditto the secondary: Clark Cloy, Morris Roberts, Anthony James and Anthony Young. Jackson was 6th in NCAA interceptions. Spring game opened up the offense a bit, and alternate QB Tony Harris may throw more in the multiple option. Runners were lost, but junior Perry Harrington has great potential, as well as Jeffrey Moore and redshirt Tony Carrington. Returning starters in the front include center Lester Walls, guards Marvin Flowers and Norris Jernigan, but advancing are Tom Rice and Marion York at tackles, Buster Barnett and Alex Prince as receivers. When a program goes strong, as Jackson State's, the defensive line and the offensive backfield might appear among those missing in action, and the battle is not lost. Only six TDs came aurally all last season, in spring game three of four were passes. The Tigers might spread their growl a little.

GRAMBLING—(6-0-0, 10-1-0). Eddie Robinson's 18th consecutive winning season rode a tremendous offense and QB Doug Williams, who became a first round draft choice as a QB. Grambling's Tigers were No. 1 in scoring offense and No. 2 total in NCAA Division I, and SWAC stats mark this at 512.8 yards. Williams, No. 1 national total offense, accounted for 3286 passing. But Grambling now figures to forsake its "ozone lightning" for "a thunderous, ground-gobbling overland attack." Three interior blockers return: Jeff Hudson center, Worney Boswell (6-5, 289) and Gerard Ridge (6-4, 287) tackles Guards advancing are Jerry Johnson and Thomas Thompson. Juco transfer Robert Ambers, redshirted last year, might well step up as

WORNEY BOSWELL, left, 6-foot-5, 289-pound offensive tackle, and **CHARLES JOHNSON**, defensive back, figure to play key roles for Grambling in 1977 football season.



QB, ahead of reserve Jake Smith and possibly Williams' brother Mike. FB Edwin Hall returns after a year's absence, running with soph Robert Parham and speed demon Floyd Womack. Defensively, the Tigers lose only three. The line is strong with Charles Lewis, Bruce Radford and Jor Gordon. Linebackers Eugene Hall and Guy Prather have experience, and so does the secondary with Charles Johnson and James Williams. The G-Men lost some excellent talent, but four who missed last season with academic deficiencies are again competing.

PRAIRIE VIEW—(1-5-0, 3-8-0). "We must avoid the injuries that hampered us on defense," says Coach Hoover Wright, and it is the defense which could carry Prairie View to a big jump in the conference. The returnees on defense are sparked by All-America end James Cowans (6-3, 235), who led the SWAC with 12 quarterback sacks; 1976 All-America tackle Richard Bennett (6-3, 250); All-SWAC linebacker Jesse Horace and defensive back Adrian Thomas. On the attack QB Richard Warefield (6-3, 190) again directs the operation, having Charles Weatherspoon, cousin Develous Weatherspoon and Steve Gilbert as the ball-carriers. Veteran linemen are Gerald Holman (6-2, 260), Melvin Labat (6-1, 230), Gerald Davis (6-2, 220) and Harold Norfleet (6-5, 265). Charles Weatherspoon was the conference's fifth leading rusher with 518 yards, while Warefield begins his second season as the top QB. Gary Nicholas ranked the league's No. 2 punter with 41.1 avg.

ALCORN STATE—(2-4-0, 3-8-0). It was a rebuilding year for the veteran Coach Marino Casem, and maybe the Braves will have to be patient yet another one. Young players will be counted on, including Essix McBride as the quarterback, replacing John Steele and Willie Outlaw. But senior spark the offense, including Larry Willis, No. 2 SWAC receiving with 41 catches for 734 yds, 4 TDs, and wide receiver Cordell Bailey. Lennis Lightfoot will be a heavy ball-carrier at tailback, and seniors Frederick Sparks and Darrell Williams lead the line. On defense the veteran lettermen are James Carson at end, Bernard Farmer tackle, James Grady linebacker and Charles Leonard secondary. It is supposed to be the year the Braves start the road back.

New Coach James Thomas finds optimism at **MISSISSIPPI VALLEY** (2-4-0, 5-5-0) with 16 starters being among the 35 lettermen returning in the Valley. QB is again Melvin Williams (6-3, 185), SWAC No. 2 total offense and passer (1552 yds), and he has FB Charles Davis and TB Henry Bush, plus top receiver Donald Doaty with his 4.4 speed. Offensive line boosts All-SWAC tackle James Williams (6-3, 255), and the defense has All-NAIA tackle William (Gator) Kincaid and All-SWAC safety Willie Fulton. Punter John Stanfield (42.2 avg) goes for his fourth straight All-SWAC. **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (3-2-1, 6-4-1) will continue with its strong wishbone, powered around Don Colquitt, No. 1 conference rusher with 909 yds. **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY** (1-4-1, 3-7-1) will have a new coach and a new power-I offense.



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RON CALCAGNI, Arkansas quarterback who earned all-SWC honors in '77, passes to ROLAND SALES in 31-6 upset win over Oklahoma in Orange Bowl. Sales, a speedster, gained 205 yards during game.

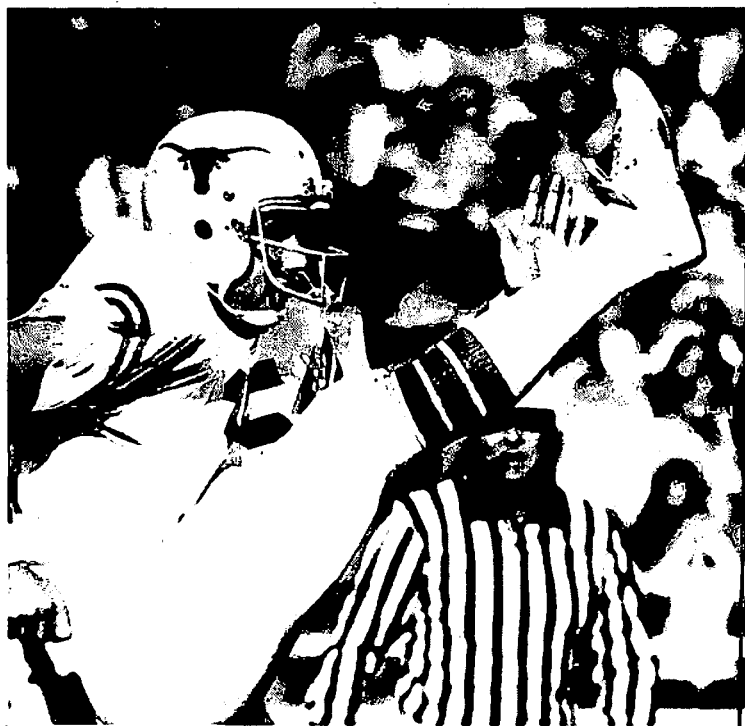


JIMMY WALKER, Arkansas defensive tackle, closes in on Texas A&M quarterback DAVE WALKER in 26-20 victory in 1977 game.

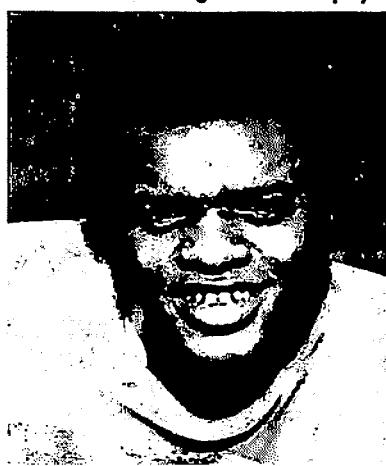
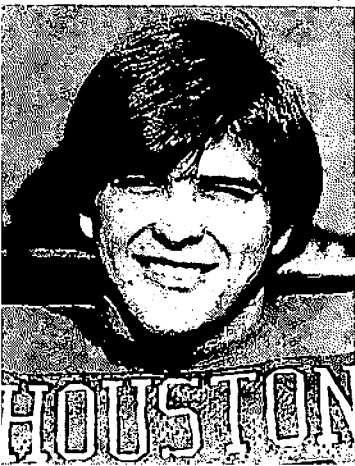


TONY FRANKLIN boots 'em barefooted, accurate for powerful Texas A&M.

CURTIS DICKEY zipped for almost 1000 yards for Texas A&M team in 1977.



STEVE BRADHAM, left, Houston linebacker, was 2nd in tackles with 96 after taking over as starter in 3rd game. DANNY DAVIS, QB, sidelined after 1st game '77 injury.



RUSSELL ERXLEBEN had 39 conversions, 14 FGs in 1977 while punting 32 times for 45.9 average, longest punt was 71 yds.

JOHNNY JOHNSON, Texas all-America candidate, had 44 punt returns for 538 yards last year and shined as defensive back.





By Pat Truly

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Southwest

ARKANSAS SLIGHT FAVORITE IN FOUR-WAY BATTLE OF QUARTERBACKS IN TOUGH SWC

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It is just plain hard to figure things out down in the land of the oil derrick, Brangus cattle and loblolly pines. Look at 1977. Everyone's crystal ball came up Texas A&M, or maybe Texas Tech. So Texas, in Fred Akers' first year, won it, followed by Arkansas, with a first-time coach of its own in Lou Holtz.

Well, the Aggies COULD have won. So could Texas Tech or Houston had they not both seen their wheelhorse quarterbacks leveled by injuries early in the year. The amazing thing is that Texas won despite injuries to the No. 1 and No. 2 quarterbacks.

But the year was unusual for more than that. It was a season for quantity, with SWC boosters pointing out that no other conference had FOUR teams in major bowl games. Detractors answer that three of those four lost.

It was also a season for wide-open offense and speed, and those factors are again central to any analysis of the Southwest.

Who else but Texas A&M has a 205-pound half-back who has run 100 meters in less than 10 sec-

onds? His name is Curtis Dickey and Emory Bellard has added some I-formation to his beloved wishbone to take better advantage of Dickey's awesome talents.

The SWC has four quarterbacks who each passed for 1000 yards last year, plus another, Houston's Danny Davis, who was injured in 1977 after leading his team to the title in 1976. The league is replete with talented receivers. Even last year's bottom teams, TCU and Rice, have the ability to score quickly.

In 1977, Texas profited from a brilliant Heisman Trophy season from Earl Campbell for its dramatic surge to the title. So much attention was paid to the Longhorns that much of the nation overlooked Holtz' Razorbacks (whose only loss was a 13-9 affair to Texas at mid-season) until they blasted Oklahoma 31-6 in the Orange Bowl. That stunner, achieved despite the absence of several Razorback stars, made Arkansas the automatic favorite for the 1978 race.

But by summer, as word escaped of the Aggie juggernaut being molded in College Station, sentiment was divided. It looks like another gee-whiz four-or-five-team race, probably decided, again, by a surprise pass, a leaping catch or even, sad to say, another key injury. Part of the problem is that second-division teams like SMU and TCU are making a big effort to play with the favorites.

"I don't see," says Arkansas' Holtz, "how any other league can be tougher, top to bottom. Every week will be a death struggle. Texas retains a great defense. A&M is outstanding. Houston may be the team to beat. There's no telling how high Baylor could go. Tech will be a surprise. SMU just scares the daylights out of people, TCU will be much improved and Rice got better as the season went along last year. I don't see how the champion can go undefeated."

While Arkansas, A&M and Texas are the logical choices, a coach at one SWC school warns, "That old man in Houston (UH coach Bill Yeoman) is laying in ambush for ALL of us." And one longtime SWC assistant says, "Baylor is the team. They have great talent and they'll find a quarterback."

There is an abundance of talent around the area, even with Campbell and Outland Award winner Brad Shearer gone. Backs to watch include Dickey and mammoth George Woodard at A&M, Texas' Ham Jones, Arkansas' Ben Cowins and Roland Sales and Baylor's Greg Hawthorne. The top quarterbacks

are Mike Ford at SMU, TCU's Steve Bayuk, Houston's Davis, A&M sophomore Mike Mosley, Arkansas' Ron Calcagni and Rice's Randy Hertel. Pass catchers abound, the list headed by SMU's Emanuel Tolbert and Rice's David Houser and Doug Cunningham. And there are defenders to be watched, like Arkansas tackle Jimmy Walker, Texas' Lance Taylor and Johnny Johnson, Baylor's Gary Don Johnson and A&M's Jacob Green.

New rules may effect the long-distance kickers, but Texas still has Russell Erxleben (kicker and punter) while A&M retains barefooted free spirit Tony Franklin.

Not all the excitement will be in the Southwest Conference. North Texas State, which would like to be admitted to the SWC one of these days, comes off a 9-2 season with high hopes. Abilene Christian won the NAIA national title but faces a tough task to even repeat in its own Lone Star Conference.

Louisiana Tech and Arkansas State (which may have an All-America candidate in receiver Dikki Dyson) match great passing attacks in the Southland Conference race, while Trinity is favored in the Texas Intercollegiate AA.

Coaching changes were held to a minimum. Rex Dockery succeeded Steve Sloan (gone to Ole Miss) at Texas Tech. Ray Albourn became the Rice coach after spring training, when Homer Rice suddenly left for pro ball. Melvin Brown, longtime Houston aide, became the headman at Sam Houston State and Vernon Fewell succeeded Dr. Paul Pierce at Sul Ross.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

ARKANSAS—The Razorbacks are on the spot. As part of Lou Holtz' 1977 magic act he pulled a No. 3 national ranking and a 31-6 Orange Bowl blitz of Oklahoma out of his hat in his first year in Fayetteville.

Now he has 17 starters returning—plus some guys who hadn't started but captured the world's attention as Orange Bowl heroes while some starters were suspended.

For instance, most of the defensive unit returns, and only one team scored more than 13 points on the Hogs last year. Offensively there is an able, experienced quarterback (who had to fight to keep his job in the spring) and a squad of talented runners. Holtz pleads that all that is on paper, and doesn't mean a lot. Eleven victims from last year say otherwise.

Most teams would be happy with a Ron Calcagni (188) at quarterback. Last year Calcagni passed for 1147 yards and ran for another 546 (second-high on the team). Pushing him now is transfer (from North Carolina State) Kevin Scanlon.

Ben Cowins (186) zipped to 1192 ground yards and 14 touchdowns, but he may not be able to beat out Michael Forrest (210) or bowl terror Roland Sales (192) for a starting job. Sales, a 9.6 sprinter, gained 205 yards against Oklahoma. Also on hand is Jerry Eckwood (196), finally healthy. Holtz says it's the best crop of backs he's ever coached.

Charles Clay (198) is at tight end. Leading receiver Donny Bobo (181) will be the flanker, with

Bobby Duckworth or tall Robert Farrell (201) at split end. Replacements had to be found in the offensive line, where top returnees are guard Chuck Herman (234) and tackle Greg Kolenda (259). Center Rick Shumaker will be back from a knee operation, but if he's not Mike Burlingame (229) is an able stand-in. New starters are sophomore Philip Moon (233) at tackle and junior Jerry Sullivan (237) at guard.

There are also knee problems, and cases of returning stars fighting for their lives, on the defensive side.

Larry Jackson (210), for instance, was an all-conference linebacker, but wound up the spring No. 2 behind talented junior Mike Massey (228). William Hampton (209) is cat-quick at the other linebacking spot.

Jim Howard (211) is a standout at one end, while either knee victim Jerry Saxton, soph Ozzie Riley (214) or veteran Marty Mitcham will handle the other side.

The return of injured Dale White (240) to middle guard makes the defensive interior not only solid but foreboding. Jimmy Walker (6-0, 232 and fast) is a big-play specialist who was unanimously all-SWC. On the other side of the line is Dan Hampton (6-5, 242, and fast). For depth there is Norm Parrish, Jim Elliott and Danny Phillips, all lettermen.

Vaughn Lusby (169) and Brad Shoup (186) are exceptional backs. The rest of the secondary will come from ex-running back Trent Bryant, soph Hugh Jernigan, Les King, Kirk Woolfolk and O.C. Jackson.

The kicking will be weaker (double-duty man Steve Little is gone) but otherwise the talent is there, just waiting for the magician's next trick.

TEXAS A&M—Each fall, before the leaves even start to fall in the Brazos River Valley, old Aggies the world over say to themselves, "THIS is the year."

Well, this may be the year. Last season Emory Bellard's troops were big and fast and deep in talent, but a strangely flawed defense betrayed them. They were looking for national honors as well as the SWC title, and then Michigan blasted them. They were victimized by teams that could both run and pass, like Arkansas and Texas, and finally ended with an 8-4 record, counting a bowl loss.

But THIS may be the year. Out of 45 lettermen, the Aggies are again big and fast and deep. They think they could field an unbelievably awesome offense. And the defense should be much better. It may be an honor, but not a pleasure, to line up against A&M in 1978.

One reason for this optimism is that for the first time in Bellard's reign at A&M he has an enormously gifted athlete—a potential super player—at quarterback. Mike Mosley is the lad's name. He's a sophomore who can run a 9.5 100 and zip over the hurdles in national class time. Mosley (6-1, 180) finally got into the lineup late last year, and managed to average 6.4 yards per carry and complete 9 of 12 passes.

He adds an extra threat to a backfield that already had George Woodard (6-0, 265) at fullback and

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Curtis Dickey (6-1, 205, with a 9.2 100 to his credit) at halfback. Between them they gained 2085 yards and BOTH are All-America candidates. Adger Armstrong (221) and David Brothers (205) could split time at the other halfback.

If Mosley throws, his best targets are Dickey, tight end Russell Mikeska (217) and split ends Doug Teague and Gerald Carter.

The heavy work up front will be handled capably by a line built around standout center Ed Pustejovsky (236). The guards will be Kyle Golson (237) and Doug Holmes (236), with a pair of mammoth tackles in Cody Risien (6-7, 256) and Zach Guthrie (6-5, 260).

Defense had been an Aggie trademark, and a return to the good old days could hinge on closer coverage by a secondary which retains Carl Grulich (187) and Kenneth Taylor (182) and adds Jimmy Hamilton (199) and swift Leandrew Brown (205). Grulich was the team's leading tackler a year ago with 132, 100 were solos.

The front section of the 4-3 combines speed with imposing size. Eugene Sanders (264) is at one tackle, with veteran Johnnie Donahue (6-6, 251) battling redshirt Gerald Galloway (255) at the other. Quick Jacob Green (239) and super-quick James Zachery (236) are the ends.

The rebuilding at linebacker, where a couple of starters were lost, should result in another swift group. Floyd Randle (210) is the most experienced, but Frankie Lemons (221) and Cal Peveto have the talent.

No tale of A&M is complete without mention of Tony Franklin, the barefooted placekicker. Franklin was perfect on 38 conversions last year and made 16 field goals, including five from 50 yards or more.

He's just one more weapon in an explosive Aggie arsenal.

TEXAS—Gone is Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. Gone is Outland Award recipient Brad Shearer.

Gone with them is the "miracle" season of 1977, when first-year Texas coach Fred Akers took a team given little chance for a conference championship to within one game of a national title. Texas, in fact, went 11-0 before the roof fell in against Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

Akers' second season will be interesting. He has the ingredients for another superb defense. He will greet a squad of recruits that looks like a high school All-America team. But there are problems in the old corral, some of them problems that those incoming freshmen could help to solve.

One problem could be quarterback, where Randy McEachern (172) stepped in after Mark McBath (186) and Jon Aune (200) were injured. In the spring McEachern was hurt and there was doubt if Aune would even be back in the fall. If McBath can't do it, the job could fall to freshmen Donnie Little or Booger Brooks. It's wide open.

Campbell's graduation leaves the ball-carrying up to Ham Jones, who was the No. 2 rusher with 489 yards, sophomore Kermit Goode (218), transfer Leroy King (215) and maybe swift Delbert Thomp-

son (205). Again, a couple of star freshmen will be waiting in the wings.

With Alfred Jackson gone, Ronnie Miksch will join Olympic sprinter Lam Jones (183) as the wide receivers. Jones snared seven TD tosses last year.

Steve Hall (225) and Gil Harris (210) are available at tight end. The interior line has been rebuilt, with ex-guard Craig Rider (249) and letterman Gary Sayre (254) at tackle, fifth-year man Jim Yarbrough (245) and squadman Sammy Smith (255) at guard and Wes Hubert (255) returning at center.

Shearer's departure puts the defensive spotlight on tackle Steve "Bam-Bam" McMichael, linebacker Lance Taylor and safety Johnny Johnson.

McMichael (245) rivaled Shearer last year at times, and will share the front line with tackle Bill Acker (247) and ends Tim Campbell (195) and Henry Williams (235). Ron Bones, Dwight Jefferson (236) and Steve Massey are also available.

Taylor (215) was the team's leading tackler last year as a sophomore. Mark Martignoni also returns to linebacker, while Robin Sendlein was a freshman alternate. Letterman Bruce Scholtz (6-6, 225) and Juco transfer Chuck Holloway (225) are also in the picture.

Johnson (183) is a game-breaker, returning punts and interceptions with abandon. He may be Texas' chief all-American hopeful. Ricky Churchman (200), Glenn Blackwood (170) and Derrick Hatchett (183) also return to form a strong secondary.

No one has a combination kicker-punter quite like Russ Erxleben (6-4, 218). Erxleben scored 81 points with his toe last year, including a 67-yard field goal, and punted for a 45.9-yard average.

It will be hard to match the Campbell-led drama of '77, but the Longhorns have talent galore, plus that prize crop of freshmen and a lot of tradition. They'll be close to the top.

HOUSTON—A year ago the Cougars started with high hopes, fresh from a conference title and a Cotton Bowl victory in their first season of SWC competition.

And then the injuries struck. When quarterback Danny Davis was lost in the second game, coach Bill Yeoman was asked if it hurt his team. "That," said Yeoman, "is like asking Mrs. Lincoln if anyone else was hurt."

Now Davis is back, and with him the Cougars' chances for another title. Davis (183) gained 1768 yards in 1976 and worked miracles. He was passing for 150 yards per game last fall before suffering a shoulder separation. Behind him are Delrick Brown (160) and Darrell Shepard, who filled in.

But there is rebuilding to be done on offense, even with Davis' return. Gone are last year's top rushers and receivers. Randy Love (197) did run for 333 yards. Others who'll carry the mail include Emmett King, Terald Clark (190) and John Newhouse (199).

Willis Adams (189) came on last season to make 15 catches for 261 yards, and will be one of the Southwest's best receivers, with great speed. Eric Herring (185) brings enormous talent to flanker, while Garrett Jurgajtis (6-5, 229) will try to replace the departed Don Bass at tight end.

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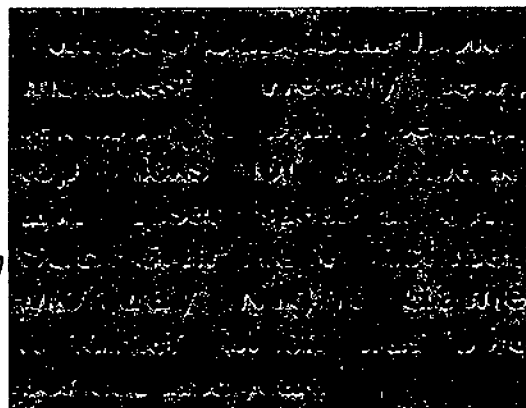
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Davis and company will operate behind a solid offensive line. Center Chuck Brown (226) was another injury victim last year after being named to a sophomore All-America team the year before. Jim Wells (251) and Jack Faniel (260) are large veterans at guard. Calvin Darnell (260), Melvin Jones (268) and Dennis Greenawalt are able tackles. But the line depth is uncertain.

Six starters are back on defense, but the really good news is that two 1976 heroes, missing last fall, have also returned.

David Hodge (6-3, 220) won some All-America honors on the '76 Cotton Bowl team, then dropped out of school last fall. He is back and should be a premier linebacker. Nose guard Robert Oglesby was another injury victim last year, and he is back.

Oglesby (226) gives a boost to a defensive line which has several new faces. Grady Ebensberger (250) is solid at one tackle, while exciting sophomore Hosea Taylor (250) should handle the other side. Leonard Mitchell (250) is also available. Fred Snell (224), Alton Harvey and James Wilson (205) are the probable replacements at end.

Hodge will team at linebacker with capable returnee Steve Bradham (217), with lettermen Sonny Privett (225) and Sam Proctor providing depth.

The secondary is also sporting a new look, with redshirt Tommy Ebner (200) at strong safety, kicker Kenny Hatfield taking over one corner and veterans Elvis Bradley (180) at safety and Gerald Cook (199) at corner lending stability.

In short, the Cougars are dark horses, just like they were in '76.

BAYLOR—Last fall a rebuilding year turned out to be more than that for Grant Teaff's Bears. They lost their best lineman to a knee injury. A variety of ailments kept Teaff from having the same quarterback at the controls more than two games in a row.

The results were varied. A 5-6 record, to be sure, but also a change in defense (because nose guards became in short supply) and a lot of experience gained at quarterback, at linebacker and at some other key positions.

Now Teaff has 43 lettermen, 16 returning starters (plus one from 1976) and an outside chance at the SWC title.

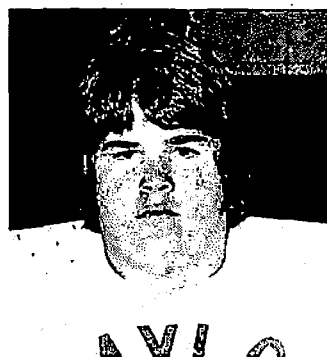
The problem is that quarterback remains a source of concern. Two of last year's sometime-starters, soph Scott Smith and junior Greg Wood, are back. Smith (172) is a slick operator who also completed 46 of 91 passes. He's the most likely prospect, but Wood (165), squadman Steve Smith (190) and a half-dozen freshman recruits will also be available.

The proven power on offense is in the line and the running backs. The forward wall will rank with any in the area, especially in size. Brent Jones (261) and Arland Thompson (238) at tackle, guard David Sledge (253) and center Ron Barnes (237) are veterans. Junior Bill Glass (251) will handle the other guard, while several more experienced hands are in reserve. Add in 247-pound tight end Ron Lee and the blocking is in good shape.

Last year's top three rushers are back, led by Greg Hawthorne's 670 yards. Hawthorne (218, 4.5



GARY JOHNSON, Bears' defensive tackle, missed all but one game in '77.



DAVID SLEDGE throws weight around for Baylor on hefty offensive line.

speed) also excels as receiver and kickoff returner. David Seaborn (187) is a good halfback and Steve Howell (215) a powerful charger who averaged 7.2 yards per trip. Robert Holt (170), Gordon Marshall and Bo Taylor are available for the receiving positions.

Defensively the best news is the return of Gary Don Johnson (6-5, 248), whom Teaff calls the best defensive lineman in the nation. Johnson was lost in the 1977 season opener (he was in on six plays, including two tackles for losses) but now is back as a defensive tackle.

The other tackle will be veteran James Rowell (235), with senior Gary Hutchison also available. Thomas Brown (236) and Lester Ward (195) line up at end, along with Ricky Rand.

Last season's shuffle at linebacker leaves junior Jerry Harrison (203) and sophomores Mike Singleary (220) and Doak Field (205) as experienced stoppers. And seniors Paul Hurst and Dennis Jiral, also with starting credentials, are around to back them up.

Howard Fields (175) is a comeback standout (94 tackles, four interceptions). With him in the secondary are Steve Brothers, rover Tony Green (191) and safety Ken Griffin (190).

It appears that depth, formerly a Baylor problem, could be a plus this year. Certainly the Bears are more blessed than most in numbers of good, big linemen. If a quarterback comes through to give the

offense consistency, Baylor will be a strong factor in the race.

SMU—If Ron Meyer's Mustangs perform the same miracles this year that they have wrought in the past, the rest of the SWC is correct to be leery of SMU.

Last year the Ponies fielded a freshman quarterback and one of the nation's youngest, most short-handed squads and went 4-7. They upset Houston and scared Texas A&M. Now Meyer has 33 of 43 lettermen back in harness. He lost only five starters. And all those freshmen who played in '77 are a year older.

One who seemed mature enough already was quarterback Mike Ford (6-4, 220), who passed for 2064 yards and led the conference in total offense. Ford threw 301 times and might go to the air even more this fall. Passing is what SMU does best, and Ford has a crop of dangerous receivers led by Emanuel Tolbert (180), who grabbed 64 passes for 996 yards. Tolbert will be on one flank, with Anthony Smith (180) on the other and glue-fingered Elton Garrett (215) at tight end.

Gone, though, is will-o-the-wisp halfback Art Whittington. The running game will be handled by transfer Darold Turner (185) and fullback Walt Foster (220).

There were some losses in the line, but Meyer will have more size, plus some large and touted freshmen coming in to help. Robert Barnes (245) and Mike Jusko (250) are the tackles, with Joe Bays (230) a solid senior at guard paired with Mike Mason (240). Lance Pederson takes over the center spot.

Depth is a problem in both the offensive and defensive lines, and SMU again will rely heavily on a number of rookies.

Frosh like Richard Neely and Dwayne Hartnett could challenge defensive tackles David Marshall (235) and Pete Muse (230). Charles Hunt (240) is an impressive junior nose guard. The ends are Byron Hunt (6-6, 225) and senior Gary Nelson (190).

Putt Choate (230) lends experience and savvy at linebacker, where Jimmy Smith (220) looms as his partner, but freshmen like Eric Ferguson could also figure in.

The secondary will have a young flavor. Senior free safety Sid Greehey (185) will team up with cornerbacks John Simmons (180) and Charles Bruton (195) and strong safety Mark Gibson (180), all sophomores.

Ken Rosenthal came through last year as a punter, booting the ball for a 44.2-yard average.

Meyer is proud of his recruits, and will call on them. The Mustangs' chief problems will be establishing a ground game and perfecting the defense. Last year they allowed 432 yards per game.

But with Ford throwing they can move the ball in a hurry, and score in bunches. They remain dangerous and unpredictable.

TEXAS TECH—Rex Dockery inherited from Steve Sloan (1) the Red Raider head coaching job, and (2) the task of shaking hands in farewell to 25 departing

seniors, most of them two and three-year starters.

Not that the Tech larder is totally bare. There are a number of quality athletes available for Dockery's debut. But the Raiders will be painfully young. Many positions will have a sophomore starter backed up by a freshman or another soph.

Gone, for instance, are eight offensive starters including quarterback Rodney Allison and the three most-used running backs.

Quarterback could be a problem. Tres Adami (196) can pass; Mark Johnson (187) can run. Dockery is investigating the possibility of a transplant, putting Adami's arm on Johnson's swift feet. There's opportunity there for a freshman, too.

Sam Bailey (5-9, 185) heads the rushing corps. Don Earl (5-7, 175) and Tim Orr (6-5, 210) will also see heavy duty.

There is talent at the receiving positions, with swift Brian Nelson (180) and Godfrey Turner (185) backed up by Howie Lewis (6-5, 204). James Hadnot (236) is a sturdy tight end.

The offensive uncertainty extends to the line, where tackle Ken Walter (228) and guard Larry Martin (222) are the only returning starters.

Squadman Mark Gesch (265) is probable at the other tackle, with Joe Walstad (255) at guard and former defensive tackle Kim Taliaferro (243) at center. The backup people will all be sophs and freshmen.

Andy Thomas (211) and letterman Olan Tisdale (226) will be at the defensive ends. Tackle Curtis Reed moves to nose guard (Tech plans to use more 5-2 defensive sets) with letterman David Hill (251) and either Tracy Kensing (230) or Jim Verden (240) both squadmen, at the tackles.



EMANUEL TOLBERT led SWC with 64 receptions, 996 yards for Mustangs.



PUTT CHOATE, veteran linebacker, led SMU in tackles last year, 186.

Senior Don Kelly (217) is a fine veteran linebacker, the team's leading tackler a year ago. Letterman Jeff Copeland (219) or soph letterman Jeff McKinney (220) will man the other linebacking position.

Larry Flowers (185) is a hard-hitting strong safety with part-time starting experience. Johnny Quinney (200) should move adequately into free safety. Willie Stephens (179) returns to play one corner, while sophomores Greg Tyler (176) and Steve Dawson (195) could scrap over the other.

Bill "Blade" Adams will handle the kicking, already owning a school record 57-yard field goal.

Actually there is carryover value from 10-2 and 7-4 seasons, but Dockery still has his work cut out with a young team in a cut-throat league.

TCU—Lordy, but it's been a long time, say the Horned Frogs. And they may be about to do something about it. Last year F.A. Dry took some chewing gum and bailing wire and stuck together a mostly-young team (he played 24 freshmen) that won two games—exactly as many as the Frogs had won over the preceding THREE seasons.

That 2-9 season showed Dry where the problem lay—TCU gave up 434 points—and he has sought quick remedy. There could be as many as seven defensive starters this fall who were not available last fall.

Meanwhile the offense, a Dry specialty, should be on target with a crafty quarterback, more speed and a stronger line.

Steve Bayuk (6-2, 195) is the operator at quarterback after totaling 1628 yards last season in TCU's combination veer and dropback attack. Junior halfback Jimmy Allen (190) will key a stronger ground game after rushing for 445 yards. Duncan Still (200) and sophomore Chester Strickland (215) are the fullbacks, while transfer Craig Richardson (180) should also help.

The wide receivers include Michael Milton (160), a 9.5 sprinter, Juco Steve Williams (9.6 speed), Mark Renfro, Bobby Stewart and Martinez Smith. Brad Bowen (220) is a tough tight end.

Dry's strength program pays off in the line, where Mark Krug (260) and Donald Davis (260) are senior tackles surrounding a sophomore midsection of center Eddie Grimes (6-4, 238, 4.8 speed) and guards Frank Hartman (240) and either Bill Kinder (230) or Mike Isaac (240).

Ten of 13 junior college recruits are ticketed for defense, where size and speed were badly needed. In addition, two players return from the 1976 team after missing last season.

Sophomores John Wade (210), Kelvin Newton (210) and Daron Mosley (217) and Juco Derek Smith (195) will man the defensive ends. The tackles will be solid, with senior James Price (255), junior Wesley Roberts (250), Juco Bill Butler (260) and senior Marshall Harris (240), who broke a leg on the eve of the opener last fall. Transfer Fred Williams (240) could be an outstanding nose guard.

Returnees Jim Bayuk (205) and Charlie Abel (202) may give way to transfers Steve Bingham (220) and Kevin Moody (210) or '76 starter Darryl



MARSHALL HARRIS, above, out with broken leg in '77, has two years as starting TCU defensive tackle.



STEVE BAYUK, quarterback, was 2nd in total offense in SWC.

Lowe (217) at linebacker, a much more solid position now than a year ago.

Juco talent also will help in the secondary, where transfers Al Futrell (180), Kim Deloney (182) and Ray Berry (165) are the top cornerbacks. Steve Barnes (198) and Mark Labhart (190) are able strong safeties, with Kevin Turner (196) and Chris Judge (189) handling free safety.

Cameron Young punted for a 41.5-yard average last year, while another transfer, Chris Leiss, is the probable kicker.

RICE—Strange things happen to the Owls. Last fall they won their opener, unveiling Randy Hertel as a freshman passing star, and then lost 10 in a row including back-to-back 77-0 and 72-15 whippings by LSU and Texas. Six times Rice surrendered more than 40 points, with its defense crippled by injuries.

Then, as soon as spring training was over, Homer Rice announced his departure to the Cincinnati Bengals as quarterback coach, and veteran assistant Ray Alborn became the Owls' head coach. He inherits some lingering problems.

For 1978, Fact One is that Rice throws the ball as well as anyone. Fact Two is that the defense remains suspect.

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times as a freshman, accounting for 1620 yards, nine touchdowns—and 24 interceptions. Mark Snyder and Robert Hoffman are strong-armed backup men.

Fortunately for Hertel, few teams can boast the type of receivers available to him. David Houser (180) caught 55 passes last year and 52 the year before. Doug Cunningham (186) grabbed 57 passes in 1976 and then was sidelined last season. Darrell Mouton and Joey Diquinzio are other able and experienced pass-snatchers, while Danny Newman is a solid tight end.

The top five rushers also return. Earl Cooper (212) got 598 yards. He'll team up with Calvin Fance (190), while Laney Royal and freshman speedster Weldon Meeks will also be available to take some pressure off the passer.

A year of maturity will help the offensive line, which returns intact with Ernie Rogers (251) and Dwane Moyer (241) at tackle, John Joyce (232) and Todd Wernet (227) at guard and Mike South (221) at center. Depth is a problem (less than 60 players were suited up for spring training) and freshmen will again have to provide the backup strength.

Better health will help the defense. A really outstanding linebacker is available in the person of Robert Williamson (213), one of many injury victims last fall.

Jim Firth (200), Will Rub (216) and Larry Ball are available at defensive end in the 5-2 defense. The tackles are Dwight Moyer (241) and Tom Adams (240), with mammoth freshman Rudy Nelson a possibility. Senior Jeff Brast (219) or sophomore Darryl Grant (229) will handle nose guard.

Frank Wilson (220) or John Stroman (209) will aid and abet Williamson at linebacker.

Sprinter Carlton Derrett (175) is the big name in the secondary, where Don Parrish (179), Don Rutledge (176), David Darr and Steve Pasterchick (188) are other experienced hands.

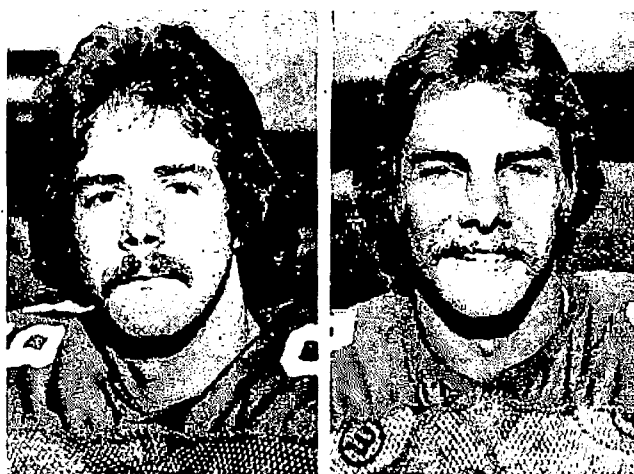
INDEPENDENTS

NORTH TEXAS STATE—The Eagles are not just marking time while they conduct a semi-public campaign for admission to the Southwest Conference. Last fall they went 9-2, were ranked 16th nationally, and found themselves ignored by bowl selection committees.

North Texas has won 14 of its last 17 games, but the engineers of that streak are gone and Fry's biggest chore is to find a quarterback for his multiple offense scheme. Overall there are 34 lettermen and 13 starters returning to the fold, but most of the top hands are on the defense. It is on the offensive side of the ledger that some sparkling freshmen may play key roles.

At quarterback the leading returnee is squadman Jordan Case (188), who played little but did complete all 8 of his passes. Sophomore Joe Stevenson will challenge in the fall after missing spring drills, but the real challenge could come from lanky recruit Carl Mitchell (6-4, 200).

The top veterans in the backfield are fullback Fred Gordon (234) and halfback Steve Wells. There, too, a freshman will get a long look. He is Milton Col-



DOUG CUNNINGHAM, left, hurt last season, rejoins DAVID HOUSER, who holds Rice career reception marks.

ins (6-2, 230, 4.6 speed), one of Texas' bluest blue chippers. Veterans Bruce Chambers (134) and Charles Murray (150) are the wide receivers, with James McCurin or Ron Battle at right end. Center Greg Davidson (246) is the headliner up front, flanked by guards Melvin Lark and David Hagerman and tackles Glenn Lewis (257) and Jim Lemming (254).

There are few doubts about the defense, starting with solid tackles like Reginald Lewis (268) and Marvin Hagan (276). Jimmy Odoms (5-8, 236) is at nose guard while Mark Beaty and Mike Oliphant return at end.

Senior Burks Washington (217) is already a three-year starter at linebacker and an outstanding player. Frank Babb is back at the other linebacking spot.

Strong safety Danny Whitaker (176) and cornerback David Morris are returnees in the secondary. Larry Dixson will handle the other corner with junior college transfer Tom Kelley (185) the likely choice at free safety.

Overall, 18 of last year's top 22 are back on defense. The Eagles' success depends on how rapidly the offense is retooled.

TEXAS LUTHERAN—Having slumped to a 4-6 record, TLC has 13 returning starters upon whom to rebuild, and expects to field a stout defense.

Linemen Ron Glenwinkle (225), Basil Kallies, Tommy Cook, Fernando Ramirez and Bucky Lampe will be supported by linebackers like Chuck Henkes (205), Jim Bob Helduser and David Chollett. Richard Tennison, Mike Thierry (180), Tim Funk (180), Marty Edwards and Ricky Matt are able secondary types.

Running back Leonard Arnic (215) is the chief offensive threat. He'll team with quarterback Russ Rinn, halfbacks Steve Brooks and David Reese and receivers Wayne Zimmerhazel and Bill Jackson. In front of them guard Marc McCarthy (225) is a standout, teaming with Dan O'Donovan, center Mike Dewey and tackles Tim Goosetree and Ray Stripling (250).

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA TECH—Maxie Lambright's Bulldogs are seldom at a loss for talent, and 1978 should be another banner year for the defending Southland champs. Some stars are gone from a 9-1-2 team, but Keith Thibodeaux returns.

Thibodeaux (182) passed for 2384 yards as a sophomore and only Terry Bradshaw, who led the nation in 1968, has done better at Tech. His receivers are new, with Scooter Spruiell (170) and Mark Buchanan at ends and George Pree (160) at flanker. Charlie Lewis (195) and Joe Singleton (221) move up to the running back positions.

Joey Colson (255) and Rodney Jones (240) are the tackles, with Doug Boulware and James Stephens at guard and C. J. Lottinger at center.

The most severe losses on defense were in the secondary, where safety Bill Schneider returns to team with Zack Jones, Lavon James and Huey Sloan. Ronnie Paggett (225) heads the front line group of Johnny Robinson (242), John Ward, Ardis McCann and Rickey White. Jimmy Blackshire (221) is a ferocious linebacker and will team with Lee Bailey (215).

ARKANSAS STATE—After a 7-4 season, the Indians are on the warpath and ready for a shot at the title. Seventeen starters return, and the key names could be Kennon Taylor and Dikki Dyson.

Kennon (180) throws, gaining 1,404 air yards last year, and Dyson catches. Dyson (6-2, 195, 4.5 speed) has the pro scouts drooling. Tight end Danny Garrison is another fine target. Top runners Larry Lawrence (200) and Joe Griffin (205) are back. So are solid linemen like tackles Bobby Earwood (240) and Jerry Castor (240) and guard Danny Cook (245). Hank Chandler (245) and Carver Abston are others with experience.

A stronger defense is likely. End Ray Culpepper, tackles Freddie Lisko (225) and Gene Spears (230) and guards Keith Cox and Chet Day are back. Linebacker Ron Smith (210) will get help from Wesley Williams (225), Steve Tolin (220) or Steve Shrable (6-6, 230). The secondary returns intact with Keith Wineland (195), Greg Lawrence (185), Enoch Tims and Jerry McKenna.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON—The Mavericks lost heavily from a 5-6 team, but 38 lettermen and better quarterbacking give Bud Elliott hope for a first division finish.

Roy Dewalt (205) is the quarterback. He ran and passed for 1,044 yards a year ago and had a splendid spring. Keith Hatfield (210) will be the fullback, with swift Tony Felder (175) and Philip Jessie (189) at halfbacks in the wishbone. Top receiver Scott Burt returns. Jerry Woodard is the tight end. Tackles Greg Suchicki (240) and Andy Anding (233), guards Dewey Wakefield (279) and Bill Harris (245) and center Jack Radford provide strength.

The defense is rebuilt around linebackers Willie Thomas (220) and Rob Mikkelsen (220). Cliff Odom joins them, while Tom Slaughter (240), Philmore

Peterson, Doug Ackerman and Jim Cagle (225) are in the trenches. Guy Davis returns at one corner, while Juco transfer Steve Kloza (190), Stuart Beckwith (6-4, 200) and Bill Hulley (187) should fill in the other positions adequately.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA—For the Ragin' Cajuns to match last year's 6-4-2 record, replacements must be found at quarterback and on defense.

Jucco transfer Bob Gagliano and sophs David Guidry and Curt Calderera are the QB candidates. Top receivers are available in tight end Calvin James (215) and wide receiver David Gray, while Allen Strambler and Barry Herbert provide rushing power.

Defensive back Ron Irving has picked off 14 passes in two years. Other sterling veterans on defense are lineman Ken Chenier and linebacker Clarence Hannah. John Roveto booted 19 field goals last season.

MCNEESE STATE—If a quarterback steps out of the pack to direct the offense, the Cowboys could better last year's 5-5-1 record and improve on their fifth place SLC finish. Jack Doland has 37 lettermen to work with, 13 of whom were starters last year.

The battle at quarterback is among Chad Millet, John Spears and Wendell Lejeane. The running backs will come from Tony Burlingame (190), Oliver Hadnot (190), Harry Price and Russell Jackson (204), while Richard Ellender has good credentials at split end and Louis Landry will be at tight end. There is size up front with tackles Ray Martin (240) and Chuck Peltier (240), guards George Albers (230) and James Broussard and center Robert Jeter.

Cornerback Charles Jefferson (180) has 11 interceptions in two years and heads a secondary of Tommy Tate, Tim Helms and Bryan Hicks. The front four will be Charles Perry (235), Rusty Guilbeau (230), Jim Pousson (212) and Anthony Naguin. Doug Fruge (230) is an able linebacker, joined by Billy Joe Davenport and David Adams.

LAMAR—The motto for Bob Frederick's Cardinals is "Things Have Got to Get Better." And, after consecutive 2-9 seasons, things could get better if some offensive punch can be found.

Defensively, there is power up front with all-league nose guard Matt Burnett (240) anchoring a line that includes Buford Thomas and Mike Kiger at end and Louis Story (240) and Randall Byrd (225) at tackle. Tommy Griffiths (205) and Jay Warrick (200) return at linebacker. Strong safety Kurt Phoenix (193) and cornerback Don Gordon (184) are excellent.

Charlie Behn (193) returns to quarterback after missing all but a quarter in 1977. New faces at running back are Mike Ellis and transfer Marc Flowers (230), while Howard Robinson (140) and Leroy Johnson are the best receivers. Across the front Ricky Overton returns at tight end, with Kenny Birkes and J. D. Wilkins at tackle, all-conference Victor Enard (244) and Danny Lee at guard and Bruce Clapp at center.

LONE STAR CONFERENCE

ANGELO STATE—Jim Hess returns 21 starters from a team that was 8-2 last year, and that is bad news for the rest of the league.

The defense led the Lone Star in all categories and will again be led by all-conference returnees Kelvin Smith, Wylie Turner and Mike Millegan. Smith (230) heads a linebacking corps of Boyd Gray (220) and Undrea Walker (215). Cornerbacks Turner (180) and Millegan (180) are joined by David Knowles and John Nunley (200) in the secondary. Tackles Harold Stephens (240) and Brian Watson (235) team with ends Marvin Williams and Darnell White in the line.

If Mark Embry settles in at quarterback, the offense could be equally devastating. Running backs Jerry Aldridge (210), Arthur Gutierrez (210) and Kelvin Ratliff (190) are solid. Speedsters Johnny Jackson and Paul Miller are available at split end while tight end Randall White (225) is outstanding. Center Ronny Hord (250) is flanked by guards Robert Nealy and Wendell Jeffrey (240) and tackles Academy as the top independent in the Rockies.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN—Dewitt Jones has left himself a hard act to follow, having taken the Wildcats to the NAIA Division I championship in his first season as head coach. But with 15 starters back from that 11-1-1 team, ACU may have the goods to do it again.

Quarterback John Mayes is one reason. Mayes threw for 2539 yards and 15 touchdowns last fall as a sophomore. He has able rushing help from junior Kelly Kent (1,184 yards), Alex Davis (652 yards), Charles Tindol and Bay Crawley, plus an experienced offensive line to which transfer Jay Seely (255) has been added.

The heaviest losses were on defense, where Reuben Mason is an outstanding linebacker. Tackle Eugene Toole (6-5, 270) will add heft to the line and linebackers Harold Reininger, Kenny Davidson and James Hunter and backs Gary Brophy, Kermit Wilson and Tim Simpson will fill graduation holes.

TEXAS A&I—Most of the cast which led A&I to three national titles (and a tie for the LSC crown in 1977) is gone, but if the linemen come through the Javelinas can't be counted out.

Quarterback Martin Stroman (160) has excellent rushing talent available in Ricky Smith (210) and Jafus White and fine receivers in Bryan Sweeney and Jerry Wilbanks. Gary Aguayo (235) will be at tight end, with standout Billy John (240) and Randy Friedrich at tackle, Wade Whitmer and Mark Dizdar at guard and Mike Sheffield at center.

A potent secondary is the strength of the defense, with Don Washington, Raymond Waddy, Randy Brooks and Chris Vasek patrolling the airways. Andy Hawkins (197) is a fine defensive end, joining Gary Allen and tackles Leroy Seidel (210) and Raul Rodriguez (225) up front. Carlos Perez (215) and Kenneth Adamek inherit the linebacking duty.

EAST TEXAS—If Ernest Hawkins can replace departed quarterback Terry Skinner, his Lions should again be contenders in his 16th year at the helm.

Jet-propelled Mike Richardson (180) rushed for 1095 yards a year ago and will team with Mike Comer (220) in the backfield. Wade Wilson (200) is the heir-apparent at quarterback and has a fine receiver in Lonnie Cunigan (35 catches for 552 yards). Certainly there is good size in the line among star center Ramiro Lucio (250), tackles Steve Washington (240) and Mike Hall and guard Curtis Ray (230) and Robert Hinkle.

Ends Don Jones (225) and Tommy Nobles return on defense, along with tackle Emanuel Baker. Danny Kirk (200) and Glenn Blackard are able linebackers. The secondary is led by kick return and interception ace Brian Jackson (180) and includes Rex Fox, Marshall Dora and Greg Aldridge.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS—The Bobcats, hoping to improve on a 5-4 season, will see just how far defensive muscle can take them.

There could also be more zip in the offense, directed by Greg Hamilton (185) but with new faces at running back in Bruce Hick (225) and Paul Darby (190). Tracy Smith (170) is a slick receiver and there is strength in tight end David Bailiff (229) and linemen like guards Mike Luckenbill and Willie Burleson (245), center Kelly Monk (220) and tackles Paul Thornton and Steve Smith.

The defensive power starts in the middle, with nose guard Elvis Shaw (248) and tackles Mark Mattingly (250) and Pete Gibbons (250). Harold Davis and Allen Kiesling man the ends with Dan Bierstedt (228) a stellar linebacker. In the secondary Keith Frase, Darrell Johnson (177) and Ronnie Kuhn (182) are all quality-checked and Jesus Olivares is also a veteran hand.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN—With some outstanding individuals and an improved defense, this might be the year Charles Simmons' Lumberjacks make their move upward from last season's 2-8 mark.

Linebackers Roderick Reed (230) and Alton Gray (215) are at the heart of that defense, while nose guard Ronald Haynes (240) is a terror in the line. Lloyd Langston and Mike Hancock are the tackles, with Clyde Polk and Clay Ruyle at end. John Robertson (192), Richard Gaines, Don Sebastian and Lester Belrose (186) form an experienced secondary.

Bobby Mitchell (978 yards last year) is a marvelous runner and kick returner, operating with fullback W. T. Gilbert (225). Herby Baker is the probable quarterback, with Greg Hughes and Robert Barnes the receivers. Otis Henry (230), Scott James (243), Mark Jones (240), center Brad Roll (243) and guards Brad Aduddell and Randy Courtney add power up front.

SAM HOUSTON STATE—The Bearkats are an uncertain ingredient in the Lone Star race, with a new coach, Melvin Brown, and a new system, the Houston veer. Among 36 lettermen, though, are some standouts who offer hope for improvement over last year's 1-10 record.

Quarterback Arthur Louis (6-4, 171) threw for 829 yards a year ago as a freshman, and has excel-

lent receivers in Clay Lowry (46 catches for 630 yards) and Glenn Wilson. Tailback Robby Robinson (207) and fullback Sonny Miller (217) suggest strong running. Center David Thurman, guard Gerry Hoerster and tackles Brian Smith (231) and Daniel Walker (235) are veterans in the line.

There is less experience on defense, but 237-pound linebacker Stanley Blinka, twice all-conference, is an excellent starting point. Other quality-checked defenders include end Tony Rios (232) and backs Rodney Wallace and Bryant Terrell.

HOWARD PAYNE—Fourteen starters return to Dean Slayton's camp, but the Yellowjackets' chances of rising from the conference cellar may ride largely on one of them, quarterback Craig Smith.

Smith (178) passed for 1059 yards in only five games last season. He has a veteran offensive line of guards Clay Money (235) and Harold Gaines (250), center Jim Ryan and tackles Benjy Unger (245) and Robert Berryhill. Kim Gray (205) is an excellent tight end, while David Thomas (188) and David Graham (195) step in as running backs.

The heart of the 4-4 defense is in linebackers Paul Talbert (220), Nate Moore, Howard Hale and Kelly Brooks. Don Kelso (245) is an able tackle, sharing the front line with Burney Allen, Bruce Shores and Woody Martin. Stafford Breed (190) is joined in the secondary by Floyd Graham and Al Smith.

TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE AA

TRINITY—The Tigers were 9-2 a year ago and if the offense comes through they might add a conference title this time around.

The problem isn't with the running backs. Rod Hinson (170) led the TIAA with 930 yards. Frank Ruffo (190) and Nat Sawyer (170) fill out the backfield with quarterback Randy Harris (215), a converted tight end. Dunc Duncan (215) is an able receiver, while Sawyer caught 28 last year. The success may ride on the power generated by an offensive line of Matt Stolhandske, Gabriel Barrera, Mike Ferman, Walter Hutchison and Mark Mize.

Don Richey (230) and Tom Nance (256) are standouts in a defensive line that includes Brian Brooks (195) and Mark Ihle. Buddy Byars and Ed Rowley (210) are top hands at linebacker, joined by Rey Hinojosa. The secondary is in capable hands with veterans Jim Ploetz (an all-conference choice), David Bordelon, Joby Sawyer and Richard Mudd.

McMURRY—Owning 16 starters from last year's 6-4 squad, Spud Aldridge's Indians could be ready to go on the warpath.

Billy "Doc" Shelby, 180-pound halfback, is one big reason for optimism, after rushing for 842 yards and leading the TIAA in scoring. He'll team with Charles Johnson, while quarterback Brett Lang can throw to Keith Gipson, Steve Mays and Rickie Williams. Eric English (220) is a mobile center with all-America credentials, anchoring a line of tackles Randy Stinnett and George Worthington and guards Eddie Medford and Ricky Nolly.

Defensively the wheelhorse is linebacker Armando Zapata (205), who was in on 130 tackles

last year. Up front are Ronnie Frost, Keith Beverly, LeRoy Duncan and Mark Behrens (250), while John Grimes (215) is the other linebacker. Jack Armstrong could be an All-American boy in the secondary after six interceptions, 85 tackles in '77.

TARLETON STATE—The defending TIAA champions lost all starters from a 7-3 team, but the presence of 31 lettermen promises that the Texans won't drop out of contention easily.

Standout linebacker Tally Neal is one reason. Neal (210) teams with Wayne Schumacher and Mark Wilson to back a defensive front of Randy Roemisch (215), Tony Tuck, Randy Goodwin and Steve Fieszel (220). Krayles Banks (185) is outstanding in a secondary that could include Dave Crisp, Charles Carlton, Billy Ortiz or Richard Caruth.

Speed is the key on offense, where Mark Elam (180) and Charles High (175) carry the mail in the veer attack. Shelby Wright is the quarterback, while Ricky Eddings and Terry Brady could also fit in Mark Owens and George Ferguson are the ends. Tackle Bill Easter (220) and guard Gene Ross (210) are top hands in the line, supported by Lonnie McMillan, Randy Crook and center Mike Whaley.

AUSTIN COLLEGE—Crippled by injuries a year ago, the Kangaroos hope for a healthy leap into contention and improvement over an 1-8 record.

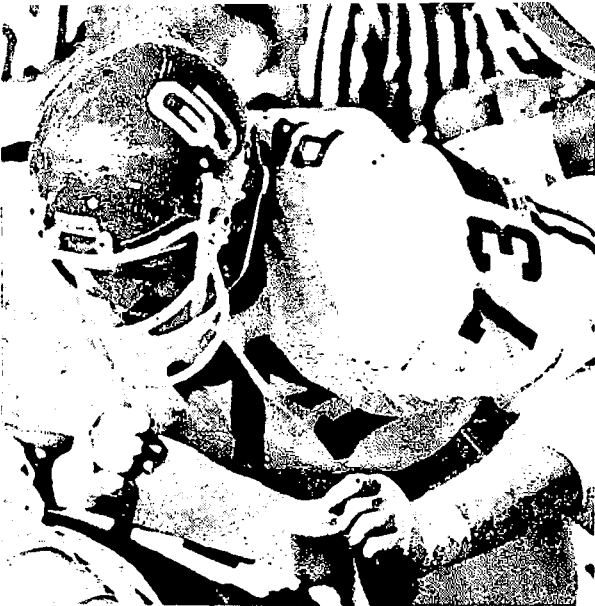
The good omens begin with quarterback Karl Meisenbach (170), who gained 1400 yards. He has all-conference Bob Simeone (210) and Kelly Hyde as runners, Ricky Nicholson and Rory Dukes as receivers and Wilson Renfroe (205) as both tight end and 40-yard punter. Brent Hollensed (230) and Julius Bell (255) are standout linemen, while Hugh Veale (230) is a fixture at center and Tony Thomas and Doug Corey rate high.

The middle of the defense is solid, with Trent Payne at guard and Mike Holden (210) and Stanley Hillman (230) the tackles. Paul Gardner and Paul Gallagher man the flanks. Either Mark Howeth and Randy Matthews will team with Price Clifford at linebacker. Steve Clifford (180) is an all-TIAA returnee as leader of the secondary.

SUL ROSS—Vernon Fewell moves up to succeed Dr. Paul Pierce as coach, but the Lobos remain a young team. Seventy-five freshmen were out for football last year, and it will be up to the best of them to improve on the 3-7 record.

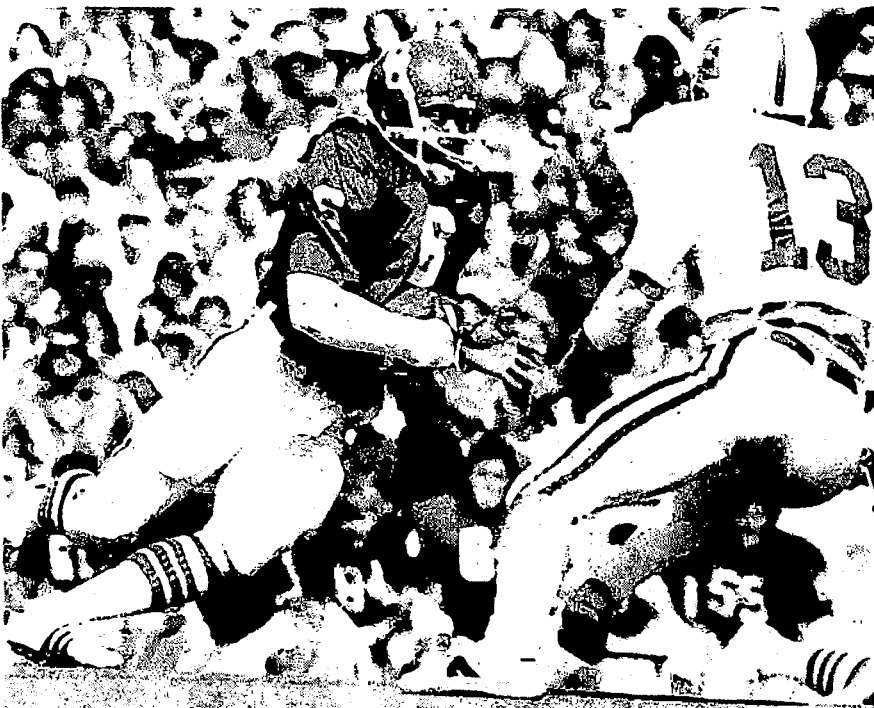
Sul Ross does have the biggest tackles in the league in Steve Sekal (260) and Larry Strzelczyk (290). With Jimbo Anderson (220) at tight end, new quarterback Dean Herbert has an excellent target. Gary Mercer (200) should man one guard. Running backs are scarce, and Travis Howard (210) could play both fullback and linebacker.

Defensively the secondary could be the strong-point, where Steve Clegg (175) is a three-letter winner teamed with Thomas Kelner and Bernie Weems. John Lebow (190) is a classy veteran at defensive end, while Mike Bachofer (210) already owns all-conference plaudits as a linebacker.

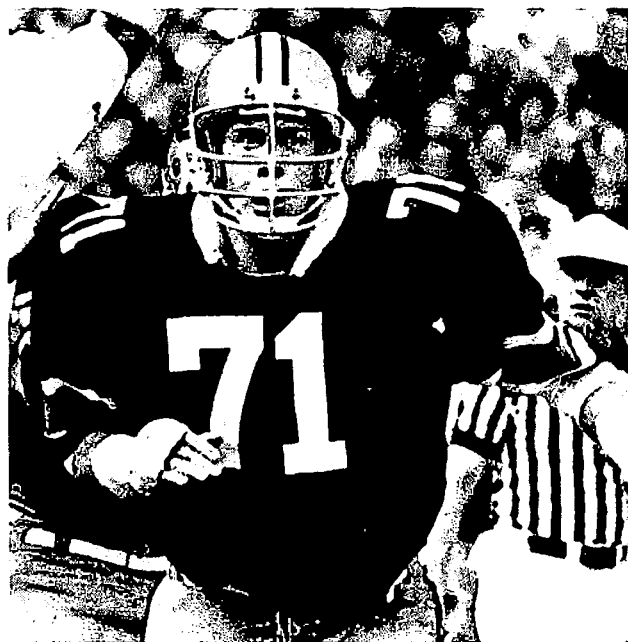


GEORGE CUMBY, linebacker who led Oklahoma in unassisted tackles with 73, nails Colorado receiver last year as **BARRY BURGET** (26) aids.

PAUL TABOR, left, Sooner center, gets high marks for job well done.

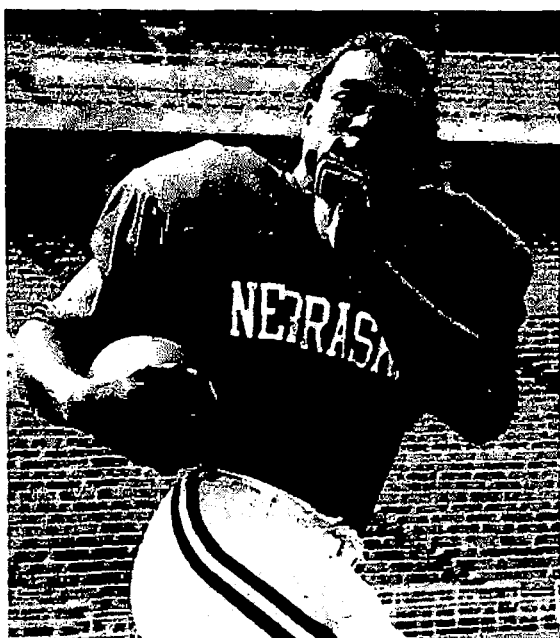


THOMAS LOTT, all-conference QB, led Sooner rushers with 761 yards.



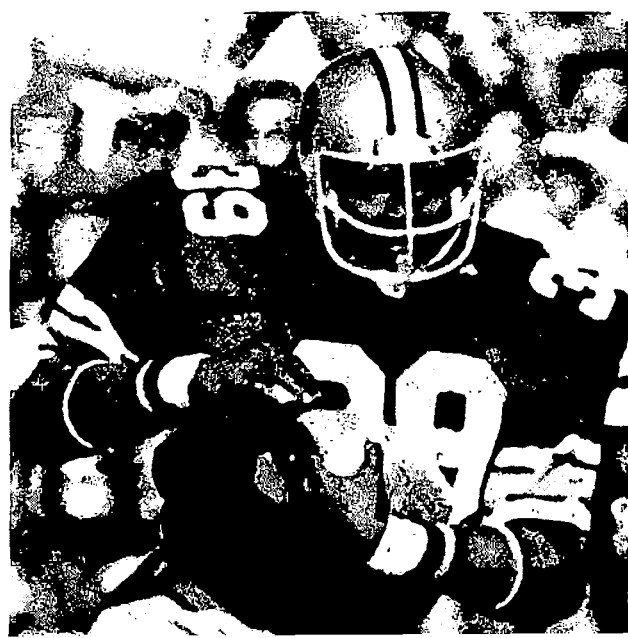
MATT MILLER, 6-6, 275-pound senior, does solid work at offensive tackle for Colorado.

JAMES MAYBERRY, Colorado fullback, gained 1299 yards in '77, 3rd best in the Big Eight.



I.M. HIPPI, Nebraska's junior tailback, gained 1301 yards last season.

KELVIN CLARK, a quick 6-4, 250-pounder is back to handle Husker OT job.





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Big Eight and The Valley

OKLAHOMA, SET FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT BIG 8 TITLE, AIMS FOR NATIONAL CROWN

PREDICTIONS

Big Eight

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| 1. Oklahoma | 5. Missouri |
| 2. Nebraska | 6. Kansas |
| 3. Colorado | 7. Oklahoma State |
| 4. Iowa State | 8. Kansas State |

Missouri Valley

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| 1. West Texas | 5. Indiana State |
| 2. Wichita | 6. Southern Illinois |
| 3. Tulsa | 7. Drake |
| 4. New Mexico State | |

There were indications in 1977 Big Eight Conference Coaches were correct five years ago when they predicted NCAA legislation to limit scholarships to 30 per year and a total of 95 would erode the conference's pre-eminence.

The Big Eight's 1-2-3 finish in the 1971 polls and four national championships in six seasons, beginning in 1970, were achieved by teams that were recruited when 45 grants were permitted annually and there were no total limits. Low attrition and redshirt programs enabled Oklahoma and Nebraska to have squads of 160 to 185 players.

Big Eight coaches contend they must recruit nationally, because of being located in sparsely populated areas. They say they can not match the recruiting effectiveness of schools located in densely populated areas, such as Ohio State, Penn State and Southern California, without recruiting in large numbers.

"The 30 and 95 limits will bring us down," Big Eight coaches protested.

Last year, the fourth for the 30 limit and first for the 95 limit, the Big Eight record against outside competition fell to 19-16. It was 26-6 in 1975 and 28-7-2 in 1976. Only three Big Eight teams received Bowl bids, and two lost. The most embarrassing was a 31-6 loss inflicted on champion Oklahoma (which outclassed its conference challengers in November) by Southwest Conference runnerup Arkansas in the Orange Bowl.

Oklahoma also lost to Texas for the first time in seven years. The Big Eight had only two consensus All-Americans: Heisman Trophy runnerup Terry Miller of Oklahoma State, and safety Zac Henderson of Oklahoma, both seniors. The only quarterback

(after Pete Woods of Missouri was injured) of merit was a no-pass runner (Oklahoma's Thomas Lott), and he tied for the lead in touchdown passes with four!

Except for victories in September by Oklahoma over Ohio State and Nebraska over Alabama, the Big Eight had no other prestigious conquests. These were nullified at the finish by Oklahoma's loss, Iowa State's loss to North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl and Nebraska's struggling victory over North Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.

This year, when the 95 limit includes fifth year seniors (they did not count last year) the Big Eight smacks of the kind of changes that are made when coaches think they are at a disadvantage. Power running offenses, a conference hallmark, are being scrapped or compromised.

Oklahoma, worried about backfield depth and desiring improved passing, will incorporate the Pro-I into its Wishbone. Kansas dropped the Wishbone, in favor of a multiple offense. Missouri and Kansas fired coaches and hired replacements who vowed to pass. Oklahoma State, desperately thin, installed a passing offense, even though it has no documented passer. Colorado made plans to pass less and run more, but from the Veer as well as its conservative I-formation.

Amid all this change, however, there is a familiar look about the 1978 race: Oklahoma is heavily favored to win its seventh consecutive championship. With a senior-dominated team featuring a break-away backfield and all-star linebackers, the Sooners appear capable of going undefeated. They have the most experience, with 16 returning starters.

Every team has just slightly less experience than Oklahoma. Iowa State and Kansas State return 14 starters; Nebraska and Colorado return 13, and the other teams return 12.

Oklahoma might be only a few adjustments in the second and an offensive guard from becoming a contender, bonafide this time, for the mythical national championship. However, for the first time in several years the Sooners are probably not capable of overcoming injuries, particularly at running back.

Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa State appear closely bunched as Oklahoma's leading challengers. Nebraska has exceptional running backs, but must rebuild its offensive line and improve its passing and defense. Colorado, coming off a sour finish, has a vet-

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eran, tempered team that might prove to be the threat the Buffs were advertised to be last year. They have a home schedule tailored for a 6-0 start, but are dependent on a new quarterback.

Iowa State may have the Big Eight's best back, Dexter Green, and best lineman, Mike Stensrud, and is overall more talented than the team that tied Nebraska for second last year. But the Cyclones lost some of their defensive muscle, their kickers and their lightweight image, and play their deciding games on the road.

Missouri is the only other team that seems remotely qualified to be considered for the first division. Scholarship limits have not been an equalizer for the Big Eight's weakest teams. Kansas is hurting for backs. Oklahoma State has only a shaky edge on Kansas State.

The Missouri Valley Conference championship will probably be decided in the league opener on Sept. 30. That is when defending champion West Texas plays Wichita. They appear to be the class of the conference.

Wichita defeated West Texas last year, but the hot-closing Buffaloes won the title by playing one more conference game than Wichita. They play the same number this year.

Wichita expects its best team in 15 years, has an edge at quarterback and more proven assets. But West Texas has superstar runner Bo Robinson, more potential and the showdown is played on its field. West Texas rates a narrow edge.

Tulsa, after a frightful year, should be improved. Drake and Southern Illinois remain weak. New Mexico State and Indiana State have new coaches and unsettled looks.

For the first time since 1975 the Big Eight has new coaches. Missouri fired Al Onofrio, dean of Big Eight head coaches, and hired Warren Powers from Washington State. Powers, who had been at Washington State for only one year, had to pay \$55,000 to be released from his contract.

Kansas State fired Ellis Rainsberger, whose teams did not win a conference game in three years. After it discovered he falsely identified a player in a junior varsity game and awarded 13 scholarships over the limit.

New coach Jim Dickey, who completed his apprenticeship as defensive coordinator at North Carolina, inherited problems beyond a 1-10 team. K-State faces a penalty for violating the scholarship limit. Also, spring practice was out to five workouts, when it was determined the 36-day period for spring practice began when an assistant coach breached a rule by participating in an unofficial workout.

Kansas State's problems were but part of a turbulent off-season in the Big Eight. Oklahoma State was placed on a two-year probation and stripped of five scholarships each year by the NCAA. Missouri embarrassingly admitted an athletic department secretary typed term papers for players.

Off-season grief was not confined to those at the bottom. Barry Switzer, with a 51-5-2 record, was subjected to speculation he would be fired or resign because of rumors that evolved from a private and personal feud with resigned defensive coordinator

Larry Lacewell. Two other longtime Oklahoma aides resigned. Oklahoma officials and Switzer denied he would be fired or resign.

The Oklahoma coach is expected to have fewer problems this fall unless rumors distract his team. This is Oklahoma's most experienced team since its last national championship in 1975. The Sooners' execution had a majestic, no-fumble sharpness in the second half of last season. They scored 228 points in their last five games, and recorded quick, stunning routs of Nebraska and Colorado.

Overconfidence, poor preparation and Arkansas made Oklahoma's November sleekness easy to forget. But most of the Sooners who drew raves in November are back, and in a humbled, resolute mood. Lott is surrounded by 200-pound backfield flyers. They will run behind a strong line featuring Greg Roberts, perhaps the best offensive guard in Oklahoma history. Their defense boasts three of the Big Eight's best players in linebackers George Cumby and Daryl Hunt and nose guard Reggie Kinlaw. Each made an All-America team last year.

"We don't have enough backs and we will not have the kind of super team we had before the 30-limit rule," Switzer said. "But I think we will be real good, maybe better than last year."

The championship will probably be decided on successive weeks in November when Oklahoma plays road games with Colorado and Nebraska. The Sooners have won but twice in their last six trips to Boulder. Nebraska is overdue against Oklahoma. The Cornhuskers have lost six straight to Oklahoma and have not scored in the fourth quarter in any of those defeats.

Nebraska returns the Big Eight's best 1-2 running punch in I.M. Hipp, the spectacular walkon, and his slashing alternate, Rick Berns. They were second and seventh, respectively, in conference rushing last year, operating behind an outstanding line that returns only two starters.

Coach Tom Osborne plans to use Hipp and Berns in the same backfield this year when the Cornhuskers are in their new Veer, and Berns will sometimes play fullback when they are in their traditional I-formation. How much ground Nebraska can gain on Oklahoma will depend on the improvement of an experienced defense and Tom Sorley's development as a passer.

Quarterback is also the key for Colorado. Coach Bill Mallory dismissed Jeff Knapple, Big Eight passing leader, after a practice field clash and refused his request to be reinstated. Alumni were critical of Mallory. But the players rallied behind Mallory.

If Bill Solomon, unlettered junior but Mallory's type of runner, comes through at quarterback the Buff's might become Oklahoma's chief threat. They have the league's most productive fullback in James Mayberry, more qualified linemen than any team except Oklahoma plus the best home schedule.

Iowa State returns more starters (14-13) and more all-conference players (2-0) than Colorado, has an experienced quarterback and Dexter Green is not the Cyclones' only gifted runner. But tackle Mike Stensrud is all that remains of a defensive interior

that was the Big Eight's best last year. Defensive pressure will be on a secondary that intercepted only one pass in seven conference games.

Missouri's early schedule is oppressive. The Tigers open against Notre Dame and Alabama, and play their conference opener at Oklahoma. But Powers, who was an assistant at Nebraska before going to Washington State, said, "we have the talent and size to compete with anybody in our schedule."

In conference games only, Kansas had the worst defense and ranked seventh in every offensive category last year. Coach Bud Moore changed offenses and hired former Jayhawk and NFL star John Hadl as backfield coach. But the quality and quantity at the skilled positions is depressing. There is, however, improved ability and depth in the lines.

Oklahoma State had only 48 scholarship players at the conclusion of spring practice. They are survivors of a team that disappointed and lost its last four games, even with Terry Miller. Coach Jim Stanley has representative linemen to start, but no depth. Oddly, OSU has several experienced backs, including three quarterbacks who have started.

For all its problems, Kansas State might end its 21-game conference losing streak in Dickey's first game. The Wildcats play their conference opener at home against Oklahoma State. They have fast receivers and backs. Dickey is confident "we can throw the ball." But the abbreviated spring practice compounded Dickey's task.

The most qualified players in the Big Eight and Valley for national honors are:

Offensive guard Greg Roberts, linebackers Daryl Hunt and George Cumby and nose guard Reggie Kinlaw, Oklahoma; tailback I.M. Hipp and line-backer Lee Kunz, Nebraska; offensive tackle Matt Miller and defensive tackle Ruben Vaughan, Colorado; tailback Dexter Green and defensive tackle Mike Stensrud, Iowa State; tight end Kellen Winslow, Missouri; fullback Bo Robinson, West Texas, and flanker Rickey Watts, Tulsa.

BIG EIGHT

OKLAHOMA—The Sooners (10-2, 7-0) have more new faces on their coaching staff than in their starting lineups. They lost 37 per cent of their assistants (three of eight) in the spring from a staff that had been together throughout Barry Switzer's regime. They lost only 27 per cent (six of 22) of their starters on a championship team that had only one (Missouri) close conference game.

Of the 16 returning starters, eight will be starting for the third year, four made All-America and all-conference quarterback Thomas Lott was the leading rusher (761 yards) on the nation's No. 1 rushing (328-yard average) team.

Lott's understudy, J.C. Watts, might be the Big Eight's second best quarterback. The best passer to enroll at Oklahoma in more than a decade, Watts is probably better than Lott in the Pro-I formation Oklahoma added to complement its Wishbone.

The Sooners added the "I" to improve their passing and also to enable halfback Billy Sims to get more carries. They will run the same option plays

from both formations. Fullback Kenny King and halfback David Overstreet complete a remarkably fast backfield. But none of the backs has a durable record, and OU is short of reserve running backs.

The offensive line has two new faces: tackle Louis Oubre, highly regarded, and guard Keith Angel, or Bill O'Gara, if he recovers from a fourth knee operation. Paul Tabor is an outstanding center, and rated by OU coaches on the same level with All-America guard Greg Roberts. Tight end Victor Hicks, starting for the fourth year, tackle Sam Claphan (6-6, 262) and split end Steve Rhodes are solid.

Nose guard Reggie Kinlaw, who refused to have surgery on his knee last year and played remarkably with it heavily taped, and tackle Phil Tabor (twin brother of Paul) rank with Big Eight's best linemen. Richard Turner, (6-3, 235) best of an exceptional group of sophomore linemen, won the other tackle with an impressive spring. Ends Reggie Mathis and Bruce Taton return, but are not certain to start if Greg Sellmyer, 1976 starter, and Barry Burget, 1977 starter until injured, recover from knee and back wounds, respectively. Burget is "the best athlete we have ever had at defensive end," Switzer said.

George Cumby (203), who is fast, and Daryl Hunt (218), who is ferocious, are the best pair of linebackers Oklahoma ever had. The secondary is experienced, but cornerback Darrol Ray is the only outstanding player. Free safety Bud Hebert has a troublesome knee, but more speed than strong safety Sherwood Taylor and cornerback Mike Babb.

Uwe von Schamann is a long range place-kicker but only an average punter.

NEBRASKA—The Cornhuskers (9-3, 6-2) set a school rushing record by averaging 302 yards last year. Tailback I.M. Hipp gained 1301, second highest in Nebraska history. Alternate tailback Rick Berns, best goal line runner in the conference, gained 622. Andra Franklin is scheduled to be the starting fullback in the I-formation. But Berns will play fullback on occasion, and will join Hipp in the backfield when the Cornhuskers use the Veer.

Tom Sorley is best running quarterback Nebraska has had in years, but he attempted an average of under nine passes per game (he completed 55 per cent). He is counted on to pass more this year. Leading receiver Tim Smith returns at split end. Tight end Junior Miller, tackle Tom Ohrt, center Kelly Saalfeld are lettered replacements to join returning starters Kelvin Clark (6-4, 250) at tackle and Steve Lindquist (6-6, 250) at guard. Barney Cotton (6-5, 245), starting defensive tackle last year, might start at guard or center. "This may not be as good an offensive line as we had last year," Coach Tom Osborne said, "but we think it will be a good line."

A defense that lacked experience and stars a year ago is expected to be improved. Linebacker Lee Kunz, end George Andrews, tackle Randy Poeschl (6-8, 270) and nose guard Kerry Weinmaster are the leading returnees. Linebacker Tom Vering appeared to have arrived in spring practice; tackle Rod Horn and end L.C. Cole (6-5, 259) are the other tentative

line starters. Strong safety Jim Pillen is the only returning starter in the secondary. But cornerbacks Andy Means and Jeff Hansen and free safety Tim Fischer lettered last year and are considered capable.

Nebraska returns the conference's best pair of kickers in Tim Smith, who led in punting with 42-yard average, and place-kicker Billy Todd, who led with nine field goals in only 12 attempts.

COLORADO—Lack of backfield speed, a disappointing offensive line and several serious injuries (Linebacker Tom Perry almost died of a head injury) sent the Buffs (7-3-1, 3-3-1) into a tailspin after they jumped to 5-0 start and No. 3 in the polls. They won only two of last six games, and quarterback Jeff Knapple wound up being dismissed and transferring.

But even with an unproven quarterback the Buffs may be better. Bill Solomon, a junior with no letters, is the kind of running quarterback Coach Bill Mallory fancies. Pete Cyphers and Joe Gasper, transfer from Tennessee, are also possibilities at quarterback.

Regardless of who starts, Mallory figures Colorado will be an improved running team, from the Veer they have added and the "I" they will keep. Fullback James Mayberry was the Big Eight's No. 3 rusher last year with 1299 yards. Tailback Eddie Walker, who has explosive speed, has recovered from a knee injury and may alternate with 1977 starter Mike Kozlowski.

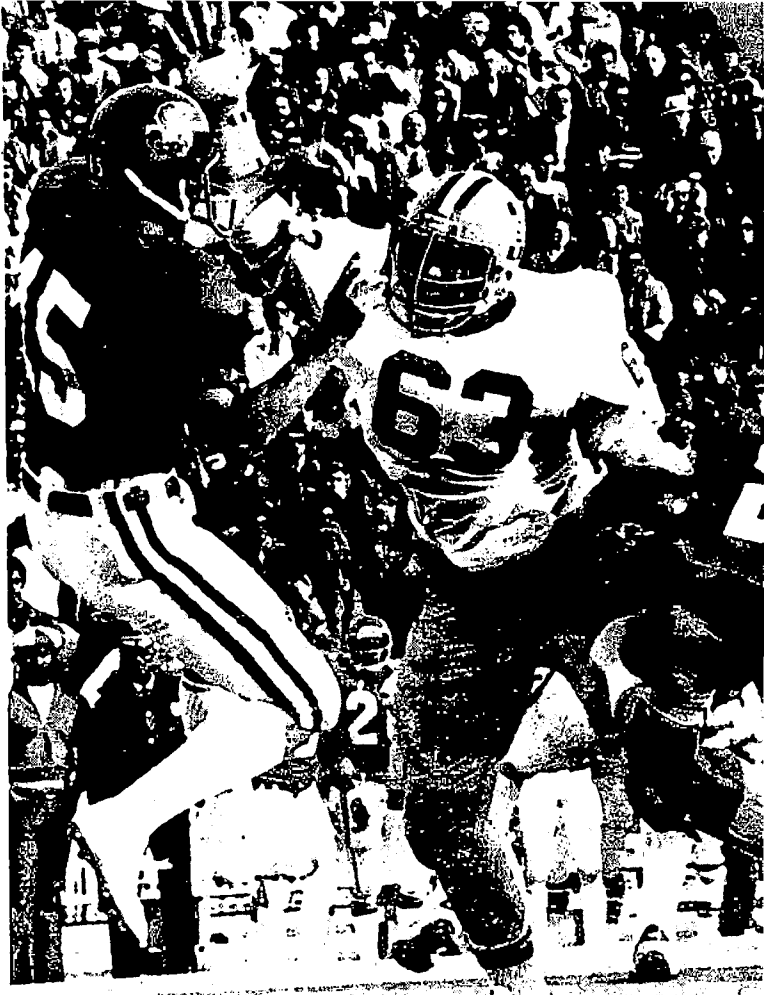
Tackle Matt Miller (6-6, 275) and tight end Bob Niziolek are among conference's best linemen. Mallory thinks the offensive line's problems will be corrected by guards Brant Thurston (6-5, 255) and Paul Butero and center Mike Tope. Stan Brock (6-6, 253) returns at the other tackle. The receivers will be Howard Ballage and Steve Doolittle.

The Buffs have some of the Big Eight's best defensive linemen in tackle Ruben Vaughan (6-4, 256), middle guard Laval Short and end Stuart Walker. New linebackers Jeff Lee and Bill Roe are promising, but the other tackle and end are unsettled. Mark Haynes may be the best strong safety in the conference. Cornerback Jesse Johnson has exceptional speed and free safety Tim Roberts and cornerback Mike Davis are experienced. But the secondary is a source of concern, and depth is questionable.

Pete Dadiotis is a proven place kicker but punting, handled last year by Knapple, will be in new hands.

With their first five games (and eight in all) at home, and first road game at Oklahoma State, the Buffs should be 6-0 going into Nebraska. That figures to be a crossroads game. The Buffs are overdue. They have lost 10 straight to Nebraska and 15 of the last 16.

IOWA STATE—This is a more talented team overall than the 1977 Cyclones (8-4, 5-2) who extended Oklahoma, Coach Earle Bruce says. But the Cyclones will probably have to be better to do as well. They no longer have the surprise element going for them. Nebraska and Missouri are smarting from two straight losses to the one-time weaklings and are after revenge.



MIKE STENSRUD (63), 6-4, 260, throws weight around for Iowa State, where he earned conference DT honor.

The Cyclones also no longer have two-thirds of a defensive interior that was largely responsible for making them No. 1 in total defense. The secondary returns three starters, but they intercepted only one of 94 conferences passes last year.

"We will have to depend more on our offense this year," Bruce said. The man they will most depend on is tailback Dexter Green, who rushed for 1240 yards last year and led the Big Eight in scoring with 15 touchdowns. Green is shooting for his third straight 1000-yard season, a feat that has eluded all the Big Eight's great runners except Terry Miller.

The 171-pound Green will be surrounded by capable runners such as Jeff Curry, Pat Kennedy, Jack Seabrooke and Victor Mack who can play tailback or fullback. Split end Ray Hardee heads a group of fast, experienced receivers. Quarterback Terry Rubley, who came out of obscurity to pass for 1037 yards and complete 58 per cent last year, is no threat as a runner. The latter liability may project Walter Grant, junior college transfer with elusive moves, into spot duty.

Dick Cuvelier (6-3, 266) is one of Big Eight's best tackles and the ace of an offensive line that returns guard Brian Neal, tight end Guy Preston and Al Grissinger, who moves from guard to center.

All-conference tackle Mike Stensrud (6-4, 260) and linebacker Tom Boskey will be expected to carry heavy responsibilities on a defense that re-

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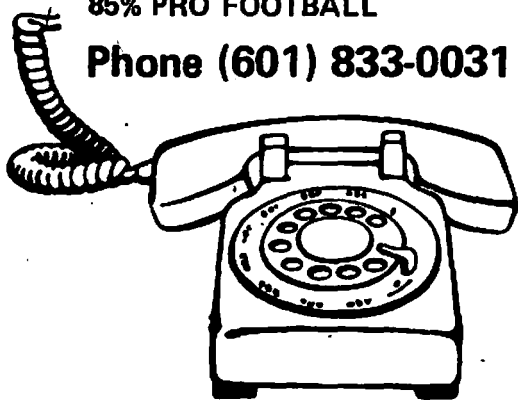


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turns end Rick White, free safety Mike Schwartz, strong safety Tom Perticone and cornerback Mike Clemons. Cornerback Jerry Washington, the new starter, may be best athlete in secondary and end Steve Weidemann is adequate. Cal Jacobs and John Less are promising linebackers.

But the Cyclones will invite attack with lightish tackle Greg Rensink (212) and sophomore nose guard Kenny Neil. This is where they may drop off sharply.

Their kicking also figures to decline, because of graduation losses. They are counting on freshman Rich Miller, who had a 45-yard average in high school, to punt and reserve quarterback Greg Lempke to place kick.

MISSOURI—New Coach Warren Powers inherited a team (4-7, 3-4) with desirable talent at some skilled positions but inexperience at the most undesirable places—quarterback and defensive backfield. Even with departed Pete Woods in the lineup half the time, Missouri finished last in total offense and its pass defense ranked seventh.

Phil Bradley, who started as a freshman when Woods was hurt, is a nifty runner but so-so passer. Jay Jeffrey, another sophomore, passes better than he runs. Powers wants a quarterback who can run and also exploit the receiving talents of Leo Lewis, perhaps the most dangerous flanker in the conference, and all-Big Eight tight end Kellen Winslow (6-6, 240). Paul Miller, unlettered junior with ideal (6-3, 205) size, was the most impressive passer in spring practice.

Fullback Earl Gant, fifth in conference rushing (769 yards) last year, and halfback Dave Newman provide capable running, backed by burly Rich Dansill. Pete Allard, among the league's best cen-



MIKE HUBACH does all the kicking for Kansas, last year averaging 40.6 on punts, hitting all 16 conversions, 52-yard FG.

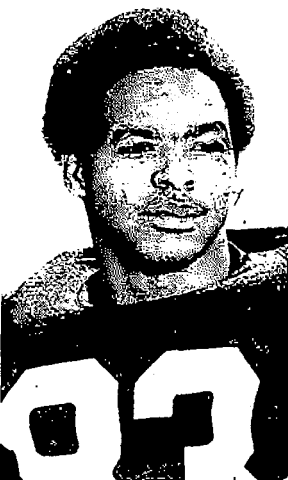


SCELLARS YOUNG drew respect last season as a freshman linebacker for Kansas when he made 90 tackles, 67 unassisted.



LEO LEWIS, Missouri's dangerous receiver, had 24 catches in '77 season.

KELLEN WINSLOW, rangy all Big-8 tight end from Missouri, goes 6-6, 240.



ters, tackle Howard Richards and guards Mark Jones and Mark Clark return to assure competent offensive line.

Powers' first position switch was to move his best defensive lineman, Steve Hamilton, from end to tackle. Jim Matthews, the other tackle, linebackers Chris Garlich and Billy Hess, cornerback Russ Calabrese (second in interceptions with six) and free safety Terry Newman are returning starters. Cornerback Johnnie Poe and strong safety Larry Lauderdale moved into the other secondary spots.

Place kicker Jeff Brockhaus, who has medium range and led the Tigers in scoring last year, and punter Monte Montgomery (39.4) return.

KANSAS—Coach Bud Moore never had enough linemen when his Wishbone was full of fast, classy backs. Oddly, the Jayhawks (3-7-1, 2-4-1) are encouraged by their linemen, but scrapped the Wishbone because they did not have the backs to run it.

But Moore thinks the Jayhawks will be "definitely better" than last year. For much of 1977 they appeared to be Big Eight's poorest team. They were last in total defense and seventh in every offensive category. They were shut out by Oklahoma State

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HAROLD BAILEY seeks Oklahoma State starting quarterback berth in '78.



CHARLEY GREEN hauled in 33 passes for 634 yds. in leading Kansas State.



DAVE MONROE, 6-4, 242, did well in '77 as OSU center despite bad leg.

MACK GREEN, 5-8, 175, gained 779 yards in 192 tries for K-State in '77.

and stampeded by Nebraska and Iowa State. Yet, they finished sixth, ignited Colorado's downfall with a tie and closed with their annual ambush of Missouri to assure the axe for Al Onofrio.

Moore thinks the defense should be better and said he was encouraged by the spring improvement of quarterbacks Brian Bethke and Jeff Hines. Tracy Levy, speedy redshirt, is the best of new running backs. Max Ediger is the only established running back.

The offensive line returns tackle Dave Fletcher, center Mike Wellman (6-4, 240) and guard Mike Gay (6-5, 260), and added two former defensive starters: Dennis Balagna, at guard, and Franklin King, at tackle. Tight end and wide receiver are concerns, particularly since KU plans to pass more.

Improvement hopes on defense are tied to linebackers Scellars Young and Monty Carbonell, tackle Mike Beal, end Jim Zidd and nose guard John Algee. KU has outstanding sophomore prospects in tackles Greg Smith and John Odell and is eager to take a look at freshman nose guard Joe McCraney. Main defensive concern is the secondary, where free safety Leroy Irvin is the only returning starter.

Mike Hubach might be the league's best all-purpose kicker.

OKLAHOMA STATE—Two years after winning a share of conference championship the Cowboys (4-7, 2-5) have fallen on hard times. They had Big Eight's smallest squad before NCAA probation stripped them of 10 scholarships for two years. Coach Jim Stanley can field an experienced offensive unit and a defensive backfield that was vulnerable against long runs last year is thought to be improved. But depth in both lines will have to be supplied by freshmen.

Ironically, OSU has three experienced quarterbacks and two-deep balance at running back and wide receiver. Harold Bailey, part-time starter for two years, has great speed and a powerful arm but an erratic record for accuracy. The same is true of Scott Burk, who returned after a one-year fling with professional baseball. OSU plans to pass from a Pro-Veer but retain the option series, because of the quarterbacks' speed.

Ed Smith, highly regarded transfer from Texas A&M, Worley Taylor, Vince Orange and Steve Hammond are competent running backs. L.P. Williams and speedy James Cowins are the ranking receivers. Offensive line returns center Dave Monroe, guard Craig Simmons, tackle Jim Clark and tight end Steve Stephens.

End Mike Edwards, tackles Curtis Boone and Billy Wells and linebacker Dexter Manley are talented defenders. But the other positions up front are suspect. The outlook would brighten if Stanley reinstates linebacker John Corker, who might be the most gifted player in Big Eight, and tackle Mike Robinson. They plead guilty to burglary, received two-year deferred sentences and were suspended by Stanley. Moving Gary Irions from safety to cornerback and elevating Darnell Scott to free safety is expected to improve secondary, where cornerback Gregory Johnson and strong safety Peter Coppola return.

Improved kicking is also anticipated with return of punter David Hanni and place kicker Colin Ankerson.

KANSAS STATE—New Coach Jim Dickey was pleasantly surprised by the speed of Wildcat receivers and running backs. They give K-State (1-10, 0-7) a chance to defeat Oklahoma State and vacate cellar,

where Wildcats finished last four years. They have not won a conference game since 1974.

Quarterback Dan Manucci won staff approval as a passer in abbreviated spring practice. Split end Charley Green led Big Eight in receptions with 33. Darryl Black, Eugene Goodlow and tight end Eddy Whitley are also highly regarded. Tailback Mack Green was eighth (707 yards) in conference rushing.

But a new offensive line, linebackers and defensive ends must be found. The Wildcats have experienced defensive backs and kickers.

MISSOURI VALLEY

WEST TEXAS—The Buffaloes (6-4-1, 5-1) have questions to answer before they can pick up on the roaring note of their 1977 finish. They have the Valley's best player in fullback Bo Robinson, who was first nationally in yards per carry (7.0) and third in yards (1399).

The Buffaloes overcame an 0-4 start last year without tailback Robert Mayberry, 1976 conference rushing champion who was sidelined by his sixth knee operation. He has been cleared to try a comeback this year. But Coach Bill Yung will move Mayberry to wingback, where his legs will be less vulnerable and where his receiving talents can be utilized. If Mayberry is able to play, the defending champions may be improved offensively.

But they also need a comethrough from quarterback Newton Owens, fast sophomore with no passing credentials.

David Johnson and Kenny Davis are experienced tailbacks. Wide receivers Scott Wiley and Reggie Spencer started last year. Guard Manny Fernandez and tackle Mark Stewart are among league's best offensive linemen.

The defense returns ends Ross Patton and Adrian Marsh, linebacker Scott Braden and all-conference strong safety Curtis Lofton leads the league's best secondary. Cornerbacks Roger Boykins and Vic Hayes are returning starters.

WICHITA—The Shockers (5-6, 4-1), return 15 starters, including five seniors who made all-Valley. Jim Andrus is probably the best quarterback in conference. He set a school record with 15 touchdown passes, completed 50 per cent and passed for 1684 yards. Rushing leader Mickey Collins, voted conference newcomer of the year, and fullback Jeff Haney also return, along with receiving star Bryan Hanning.

Tackle Barry Bales and guard Joe Odom rank with Valley's best offensive linemen. Charlie Moore returns at center.

The defense returns seven starters, led by end Willie Smith, who is considered Valley's best defender, and all-conference cornerback Sherman Taylor. Tackles John Blue and Troy Oney and linebacker Brian Anderson are returning starters and the secondary is experienced.

"If we can improve our kicking game, which cost us some games last year, this ought to be our year," says Jim Wright, whose record improved in each of his four years.

TULSA—The Hurricane (3-8, 2-3) collapsed to its worst record in eight years when injuries eliminated seven defensive starters before the opener, leading to a school record yield of 398 points in John Cooper's first season.

Cooper expects improvement this year. The best of the cripples return. Quarterback Dave Rader, a big workhorse who was sidelined in the third game, returns along with halfback Paul Roberson, who missed the entire season. They will aid an offense that boasts an outstanding flanker in Rickey Watts and adequate running backs in Quinn Jones, Don Hicks and Sherman Johnson. An offensive line with no established players may be uplifted by conversion of linebacker Steve Nicholson to center.

Defensive improvement is tied to the return of linebackers Robert Tennon and Ray Meadows and ends Dewalden Fraizer and Don Blackmon, plus addition of junior college linebacker John Brown. Strong safety Lovie Smith may be TU's best player. But rest of secondary and middle of the line lack experience and quickness.

Eddie Hare should be Valley's best punter. But an unexpected loss occurred when place-kicker Steve Cox transferred to Arkansas.

NEW MEXICO STATE—New Coach Gil Krueger will "start from scratch" in a new 30,000-seat stadium and with a team (4-7, 3-2) that returns only eight starters. Krueger's hopes for a passing attack from his Pro-Veer depend on quarterback Rick Horacek, who led the Aggies in passing and rushing last year but is questionable following a third knee operation.

But the receiving corps is suspect and a defense that was the Valley's worst must depend on the same linemen and linebackers and an inexperienced secondary.

INDIANA STATE—New Coach Dick Jamieson, credited with revitalizing Missouri's offense in recent years, undertakes a major rebuilding project. The Sycamores (3-7, 2-3) bid farewell to Vincent Allen, one of only four NCAA runners to gain 1000 yards in each of his four varsity seasons. Jamieson inherited 15 returning starters but few assets.

There were 18 position shifts in spring practice. Quarterback Pete McCoy and fullback Tony Goffield, starters last year, halfback Donnie Warner

EDDIE HARE, Tulsa's all-Valley punter, puts all 6-5 200 pounds behind kicks which averaged 42 yards in 1977.





RICKEY WATTS, Tulsa's outstanding flanker, always a "home run" threat, caught 40 for 639 yards last season.

and center Tunch Ilkin are key figures on offense. All-Valley safety Don Jackson, tackles Gary Gamen and Mark Gradkowski are best of defenders.

Aggies have capable wide receiver in Tony Lambert and experienced tight ends Mark Bielcik and Kevin Steger. But they have no proven running backs and guard Pete Mallack is the only estab-

lished offensive lineman. Best weapon on offense is probably place-kicker Skip Vernon, three times all-Valley.

The defense returns all-conference linebacker Dusty Furr and his companion, Tom McKenna. But there is no experience in the line or secondary.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—The Salukis (3-8, 0-5) hope to vacate cellar by improving on league's worst offense. They averaged only 8.7 points and scored in double figures but twice. Coach Rey Dempsey counts on tailback Bernell Quinn, who rushed for 822 yards, and huge quarterback John Cernak (6-4, 220) to lead the improvement. They will have to operate behind a line that was blamed for last year's miseries and without wide receiver Dave Short, sidelined by an elbow injury.

SIU's defense ranked second in the Valley and returns its secondary plus tackle Dave Callahan, ends Mark Michuda and Jack Niedbalski and nose guard Tom Piha. But linebacker Ken Caithamer transferred.

DRAKE—The Bulldogs (2-9, 1-5) recruited junior college running backs Dwaine Ball and Wardell Wright to help holdover Calvin Hill improve the Valley's poorest rushing offense (2.8 yards average per play). With quarterback Jerry Smith, who completed 62 per cent of his passes, and an experienced line, Coach Chuck Shelton is confident of improvement.

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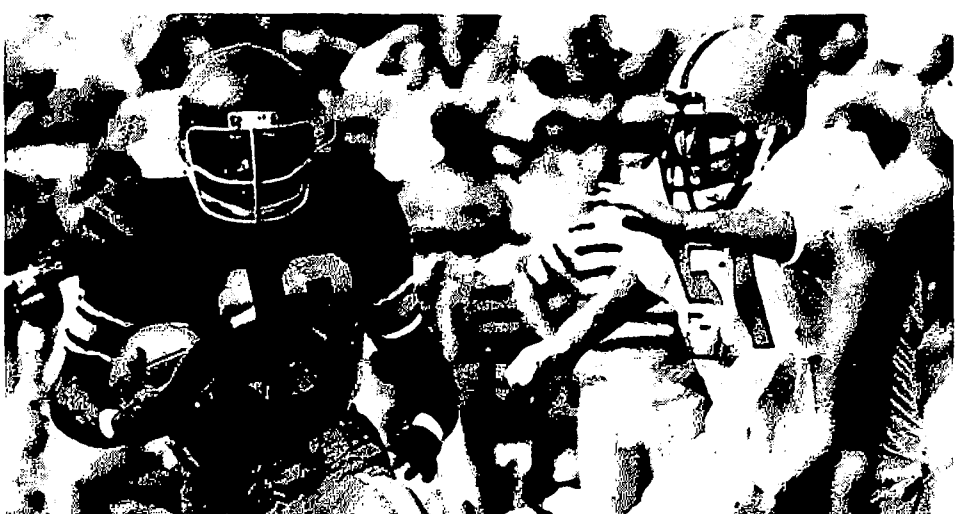
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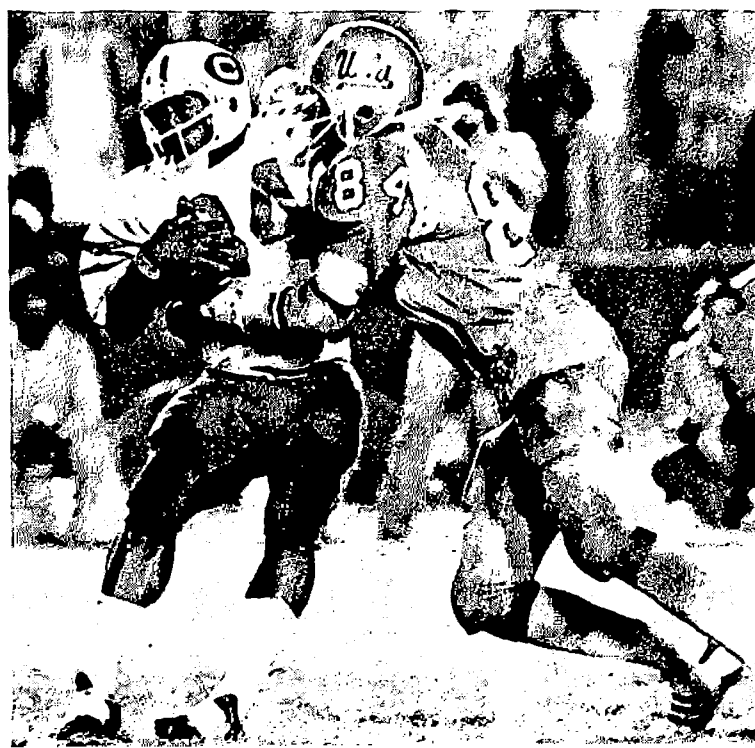
JOE STEELE, left, is the top offensive threat for Rose Bowl champion Washington; **MICHAEL JACKSON**, center, heads the premier linebacking crew, and **JEFF TOEWS**, 6-3, 253, is agile offensive tackle who makes holes.



ANTHONY MUNOZ, left, 6-7, 280-pounder, offensive tackle, and tailback **CHARLES WHITE** are big guns for Trojans.

JACK "THROWIN' SAMOAN" THOMPSON tossed for 2372 yards for Washington State Cougars in '77 campaign.

JERRY ROBINSON, right, UCLA linebacker, makes stop on California wide receiver **DAVE MOGNI** in Bruins win.





By Dwight Chapin

Talented young writer Dwight Chapin, columnist for the San Francisco Examiner, has lowdown on West Coast football.

West Coast

WASHINGTON, USC, UCLA, HAVE EDGE IN PAC 10 FOLLOWED BY FOUR DARKHORSES

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| 3. UCLA | 8. Arizona |
| 4. Arizona State | 9. Oregon State |
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What's going on here?

Just when Washington's Huskies prove that the South-North imbalance in the Pacific 8 is a thing of the past, the conference goes and changes its name, and wacky geographical shifts start happening all over the Far West.

I mean, San Diego State, a Pacific Coast team if ever there was one, moving to the Western Athletic Conference? And Utah State, a Rockies team if ever there was one, moving to the Pacific Coast Athletic Assn.?

That's to say nothing of last year, when the editor of this yearbook took Nevada Las Vegas away from me and put the Rebels in the Rockies, while I kept

Nevada Reno. And this year he sent Hawaii on the same route.

Whew!

All of that, of course, doesn't get us around to the real biggies of 1978, the expansion of the Pacific 8—now the Pacific 10—to include Arizona and Arizona State, which are more than a couple of Ray Guy punts from the Pacific Ocean, too.

Does any of that make sense? Well, it better, because—primarily for economic reasons (and to a lesser extent to make scheduling easier, and more balanced) the Far West is on the move. Like it or not, the old leagues are dead. So long live the Pacific 10, even though I may call it the Pacific 8 without thinking for a couple of seasons.

If nothing else, the addition of the Arizona schools should make the Pacific 8—er, 10—the most competitive league it's ever been, certainly one of the best in the country. I'm guessing it will take awhile for either newcomer to be a title contender but Tony Mason of Arizona builds teams quickly and Frank Kush has long been one of America's best coaches. It wouldn't cause worlds to crumble if his Arizona State Sun Devils picked off a championship their first time around.

USC's John Robinson says "Any one of a half dozen teams" could be the first-Pac-10 champ. He could be right, but I think defending titlist Washington, USC and UCLA have the edge at this point, with Arizona State, California and Stanford not far behind. The others have further to go but Washington State could ride the rifle arm of the 'Throwin' Samoan,' Heisman trophy candidate Jack Thompson, to some surprises.

There's been a bit less juggling among coaches than usual, with only Roger Theder of California and Jim Walden of Washington State taking over as top men.

Almost all the second division teams are following the same pattern: giving control to young men who have served solid apprenticeships as assistant coaches in the league, and giving them time to build a program.

Another new coach, Bob Padilla, probably will be favored to win in the Pacific Coast Athletic Assn., after succeeding Jim Sweeney at Fresno State but again, there's strength down through the ranks, too.

With San Diego State gone to the WAC and Hawaii yanked from me as a future WAC—Nevada

Reno gets my vote as top independent. In the other conferences, I'll go with UC Davis—one of the nation's best small-college clubs last season Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Whittier.

Here are the sharp choices for All-America honors: (QB) Jack Thompson, Washington State; (RB) Charles White, USC; Darrin Nelson, Stanford; Joe Steele, Washington; James Owens, UCLA; (WR) Spider Gaines, Washington; Jimmy Bryant, Utah State; (T) Manu Tuiasosopo, UCLA; (LB) Jerry Robinson, UCLA; Michael Jackson, Washington; Frank Manumaleuna, San Jose State; (DB) Kenny Bryant, Oregon; Kenny Easley, UCLA; (OT) Anthony Munoz, USC; (DE) Ralph DeLoach, California; Al Harris, Arizona State; (G) Pat Howell, USC; Duke Leffler, California; (TE) Ron Beyer, Arizona; (K) Vince Petrucci, Fresno State.

PACIFIC 10

WASHINGTON—The maybes are no more. Northwest football, thanks to Don James and the Huskies, is back. Their record wasn't that great (only 8-4) but it was good enough for a Pacific 8 championship that led to a win over Michigan in the Rose Bowl and National Coach of the Year honors for James. And the team—with what will have to be more confidence—could just keep right on going. There are 45 lettermen back, including 18 starters.

James' chief tasks are finding a quarterback to replace underrated Warren Moon; a center to replace Blair Bush, and some new depth in his defensive line. If he can do that, there's every reason to think the Purple Gang will be flexing its muscles all the way again.

Quarterback, first. Letterman Duane Akina (6-3, 190) went into spring ball No. 1, but will be challenged by redshirt Tom Flick (6-3, 185) and a hot JC prospect, Tom Porras (6-2, 185) of Ventura College, who threw far more than 3300 yards over two seasons. Both Oklahoma and Nebraska pitched hard to get him too. Bidding to take over for Bush, a second-team All-America, are lettermen Tom Turnure (6-3, 225) and Terry Sherwood (6-3, 243).

Five of the top seven defensive linemen—including starters Dave Browning and Cliff Bethea—are gone but junior Doug Martin (6-3, 255) returns at one tackle. Scot Long (6-2, 226) and Chris Linnin (6-4, 242) will battle at the other tackle; David Smith (6-1, 232) and Mike Milam (6-2, 230) at nose guard.

Five of the six top running backs return, including tailback Joe Steele (865 yards and 25 pass receptions) and fullback Ron Gipson (575 yards) and three lettermen, Rob Smith, Kyle Stevens and Tousseint Tyler, and there is a crackerjack receiver in world-class hurdler Spider Gaines (30 catches for 660 yards, a whopping 22-yard average; seven receptions for 122 yards and a TD in the Rose Bowl). The new quarterbacks also will be throwing to lettermen Gary Briggs (5-10, 176); Keith Richardson (5-10, 172) and Michael Bean (5-10, 183). Tight end Scott Greenwood (22 catches, 403 yards) in a three-year letterman.

The offensive line is potent, with every starter

back except Bush. Tackles Jeff Toews (6-3, 253) and Roger Westlund (6-4, 248), are both three-year lettermen, too. Toews was All Coast. At guards are Phil Foreman (6-2, 230) and Steve Bauer (6-3, 230), but talented Curt Marsh (6-6, 260) might dislodge one of them.

The linebacking corps probably is the best in the West. Senior Michael Jackson (6-1, 215) was All-Coast and likely should have been first-team All-America (he was third-team). He was in on 210 tackles, 111 of them unassisted, had four interceptions, five deflections, a fumble recovery and nine tackles for loss. He'll work inside with Bruce Harrell (6-0, 212), another returning starter. And Antowaine Richardson (6-1, 190) and John Kerley (6-4, 208) are back outside. There are 10 lettermen linebackers, in fact, and a newcomer, Stafford Mays (6-3, 235) of Mt. Hood (Ore.) Community College, was a JC All-America, and may have to play somewhere.

The defensive secondary returns eight lettermen, led by All Coast cornerback Nesby Glasgow (5-10, 180); tough safetyman Kyle Heinrich (6-1, 187); safetys Greg Grimes (6-1, 192) and John Edwards (6-1, 177) and corner Lance Theoudele (6-0, 177).

Punter Aaron Wilson (36.1 average) is back but James will have to replace gifted placekicker Steve Robbins, the school record-holder. He's looking at five men, including transfer Mike Lansford, who hit 15 of 20 field goals for Pasadena City College, and redshirt Brian Moreland.

An indication of how good the Huskies will be will come very early: they meet UCLA in Seattle on opening weekend, Sept. 9.

USC—John Robinson's Trojans were 8-4 in 1977—good enough at most schools, not nearly good enough at Troy. And the coach is wondering whether 1978, realistically, can be any better. "We have potential," he says, "but we're extremely young. We have more open positions than I can remember at USC in years." There are just 11 starters back, and only 11 seniors among the top 44 players. So sophomores and freshmen will have much more of an impact than they normally do for the Trojans. USC found a prep gold mine—10 high school All Americans in its 23 recruits. But the rookies will be thrown in against no less than six bowl teams.

Much depends, as it does at Washington, on whether a quality quarterback can be uncovered. Lefthander Paul McDonald, who backed Rob Hertel in brief appearances, will compete with Rob Preston and Walt Ransom—who have even less experience—and redshirt freshman Greg Brady. There also are three touted frosh—Jim Arrivey (6-5, 195); George Ponce (6-4, 205) and Timmy White (5-11, 170)—who might develop quickly.

There's no trouble at tailback, where the brilliant one-two punch of Charles White and Dwight Ford returns. White, an All-America candidate, ran for 1478 yards as a soph and had eight 100-yard games. Ford raced for 768 yards. No. 3 man Rod Connors added 217. Senior Lynn Cain (375 yards and a 5.4 average as a tailback-fullback in '77) will take over for Mosi Tatupu at fullback. He's quick, but how well he blocks in a Trojan key.



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Leading receiver Randy Simmrin is gone but the Trojans still have Calvin Sweeney (33 catches for 564 yards), although he is coming off knee surgery, and letterman Kevin Williams (who averaged 23.6 yards on 10 catches) and add redshirt Dan Garcia and transfer Raymond Butler. Bidding to take over for William Gay at tight end are redshirt James Hunter (6-4, 230); sophomore Hoby Brenner (6-4, 210) and transfer Vic Rakhshani (6-3, 225).

Depth may be a problem in the line but the first-wave troops are outstanding, led by two All-America candidates, tackle Anthony Munoz (6-7, 280) and guard Pat Howell (6-6, 255), and All-Coast guard Brad Budde (6-5, 250). Fast-improving junior Keith Van Horne (6-7, 245); 1976 starter Otis Page (6-6, 265) and redshirt Bob Albrecht (6-7, 250) are vying at the other tackle. Either Chris Foote (6-4, 240) or Brad Green (6-2, 245) should be at center.

The defense was inconsistent last season but should be better. Strong, smart Rich Dimler (6-6, 255) is at nose guard; junior Myron Lapka (6-4, 250) back at tackle. Other candidates in the front include Ty Sperling (6-0, 230); Ray Peters (6-3, 230) and Brad Streelman (6-5, 255) but freshmen like Byron Darby (6-3, 255); Dennis Edwards (6-4, 240) Ken Jordan (6-4, 215); Kelly Thomas (6-5, 235) and Charles Ussery (6-4, 240) could be a real force here.

Gary Cobb (second in tackles with 92) is back at outside linebacker and Dennis Johnson (the leader with 105 tackles) returns at inside linebacker, and will call defensive signals. The other spots are wide open, and Clay Matthews and Ed Gutierrez will be missed.

In the secondary, All-America Dennis Thurman and All-Conference Ricky Odom departed, but Robinson still has roverbback Willie Crawford (5-11, 177) and two cornerbacks who alternated as starters—Larry Braziel (6-0, 184) and Carter Hartwig (6-0, 200). The other safety should be Ron Lott (6-2, 195); Dennis Smith (6-3, 180) or Kenney Moore (6-1, 185).

The kicking game is intact, with placement specialist Frank Jordan (14 field goals to tie a school record) and punter Marty King (a 40-yard average).

UCLA—Pretty well set on offense, some sticky questions on defense. That's where coach Terry Donahue and the Bruins find themselves after a 7-4 season that would have been worlds better had they held on to beat USC in the regular-season final and gotten a bowl bid.

Despite the fact there are no proven receivers, the offense looks potent, with a slick running back, hurdler James Owens (938 yards rushing); a power running back, Theotis Brown (539 yards, despite missing time with a dislocated shoulder); an adept option quarterback, Rick Bashore (1,015 yards passing, 317 rushing); an excellent center, Brent Boyd (6-3, 240), and two other well-rated interior linemen, guard Jim Main (6-3, 240) and tackle Max Montoya (6-5, 257).

Seniors Bruce Davis (6-6, 250) and Curt Mohl (6-5, 245) have the inside track on a tackle spot vacated by Gus Coppens; junior Ron Davis (6-3½, 238); senior Ron Wollard (6-2½, 232) and sophomore

Larry Lee (6-4, 245) will bid to replace Bryce Adkins at guard.

There's plenty of depth at quarterback, with senior Rudy Bukich and sophomore Michael Brant behind Bashore, and at running back, where budding star Freeman McNeill, juniors Glenn Cannon and Ernie Saenz and prep All-Americans Darryl Green, Leo Smith and Eric Brown are behind Owens and Brown. The receivers? Well, Kent Brisbin (6-3½, 220) has started some at tight end. Sophomores Scott Tiesing (6-6, 200) and Fred Brockington (6-3½, 195) will get the first looks at split end, converted running back Ricky Coffman (6-1, 190) will be tried at flanker. But five freshmen, headed by All-America tight end Tim Wrightman (6-4, 242) and split end Dokie Williams (5-11, 170) will be coming in this fall.

The fine, all-purpose kicker, Frank Corral, is gone, so Donahue will be trying to find a reliable foot from among reserves Peter Boormeester and Matt McFarland; transfer Mark Curley and frosh Norm Johnson.

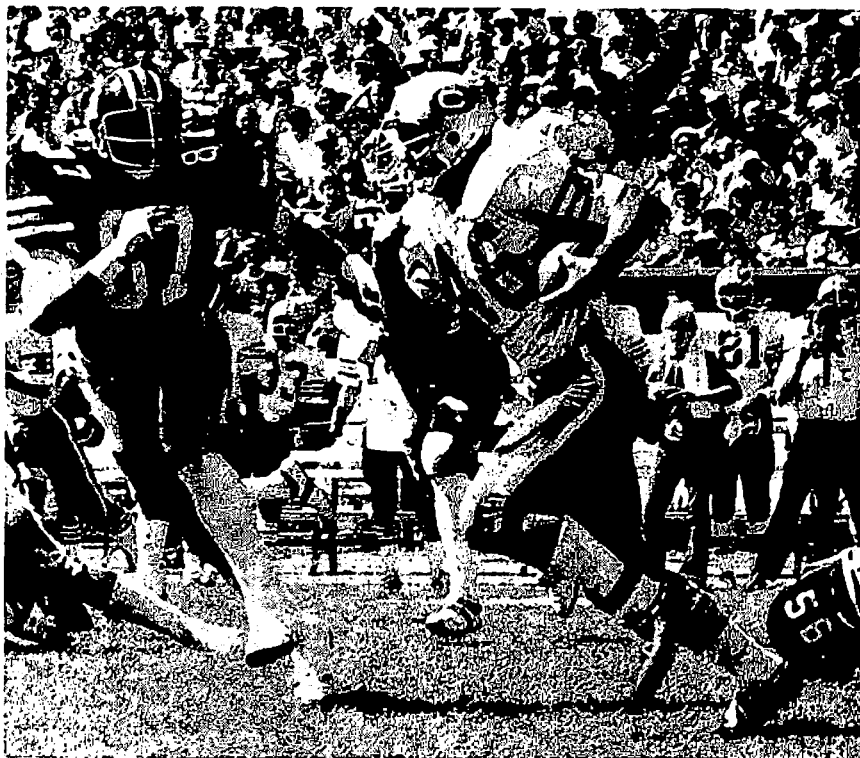
Defensively, UCLA loses strong outside linebackers John Fowler, Raymond Bell and Frank Stephens, tackle Dave Morton, nose guard Steve Tetrick and cornerback Levi Armstrong. Donahue is most concerned about the linebacking. "You can't have a weakness there and have a good defense," he says. It helps that brilliant Jerry Robinson (6-3, 208), the two-time All-America, and nine-game starter Jeff Muro (6-2, 216) are still around. But they play inside. Outside, reserves Glenn Windom, Ken Walker and Howard Kipnis will battle transfer Larry Hall (5-11, 195) and sophomores Brad Plemmons and Scott Stauch.

The main man up front is second-team All-American tackle Manu Tuiasosopo (6-3, 240), with sophomore Billy Don Jackson (6-4, 240), coming off knee surgery, likely opposite him. Senior Don Hopwood (6-4, 225) will get first crack at nose guard. Others who could play in the line: John Tautolo (6-4, 240); Mike Mason (6-8, 250); Martin Moss (6-4, 220); Joe Gary (6-6, 240) and Dave Otey (6-3, 230).

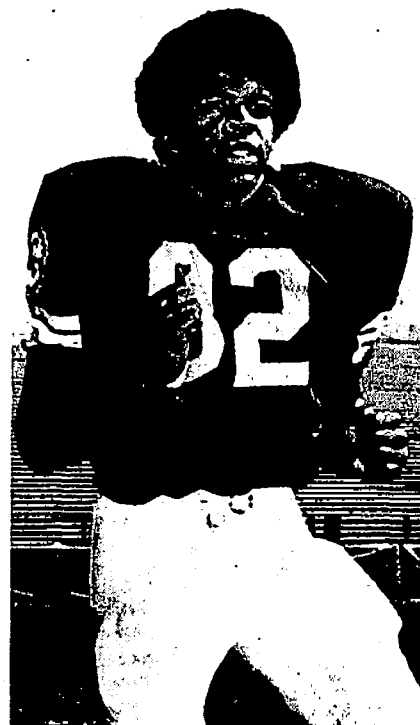
The secondary should be good. Kenny Easley (6-3½, 200), voted the best freshman defensive back in the nation, holds down free safety, with returning starters Johnny Lynn (6-0, 185) and Bobby Hosea (6-1, 178) at strong safety and left corner. Brian Baggott (6-0, 172) should take over at right corner. Top reserves look like transfer Cliff Thomas and prep All-America Jimmy Turner.

ARIZONA STATE—The Sun Devils have one of the Pac-10's softer schedules through the first five weeks of the season, and could have matured enough by then to have an outside shot at the league title in their first season. But coach Frank Kush is realistic. "The caliber of play in the Pac-10," he says, "will be the toughest we've ever faced on a week-to-week basis. We can no longer afford the luxury of winning just with our frontliners. The physical demands of this league will require a good deal of depth in all areas."

That could hurt the Sun Devils this year, although there are 26 lettermen, including five offensive and



PAUL JONES, California fullback who gained 805 yards last season, runs to daylight here against Missouri en route to a 200-yard effort on 35 carries.



AL HARRIS, Sun Devil defensive end, regarded as best ever at ASU.

six defensive starters back from 9-3 team that won the Western Athletic Conference championship and went to the Fiesta Bowl.

The premier player is defensive end Al Harris (6-5, 235), an All-America and Outland Trophy candidate. He was in on 107 tackles, including 24 sacks. "He has size, speed, quickness and plays with reckless abandon," Kush says. Bob Kohrs (6-2, 210) complements Harris well at the other end, but the middle of the line is wide open. Tim Petersen is gone at one linebacker but there's fair experience in starters Gary Padjen (6-2, 229) and Dave Barthel (6-2, 214) and spot starter Ricky Washington (6-3, 213), along with converted running back Jeff McIntyre (6-4, 240). Two starters, Raye Williams (6-3, 197) and Darrell Gill (6-0, 194) return in the secondary, as do part-time starters Kim Anderson (5-11, 172) and Michael Lee (6-2, 185), but someone must replace safetyman John Harris.

On offense, three key performers—wide receiver John Jefferson, a consensus All-America, quarterback Denny Sproul and tight end Bruce Hardy—have departed. Junior Mark Malone (6-4, 212) has great potential at quarterback, backed by redshirt John Fouch. The frontrunner at tight end is Marshall Edwards (6-3, 235). The top wide receiver is wingback Chris DeFrance, a 9.5 sprinter who holds the school triple jump record (53-4½). He'll have help from sophomores Melvin Hoover (6-0, 165) and John Mistler (6-2, 182).

Running backs look more than adequate, with returning starters Mike (Turtle) Harris (738 yards) and Arthur Lane (668 yards); JV Newton Williams (6-1, 190) and several talented freshmen, including Willie Gittens, Alvin Moore, Robert

Weathers and Gerald Riggs.

Veteran offensive linemen George Fadok and Rick Torbert have graduated, but returning are center Chris Mott (6-2, 236); and guards Norris Williams (6-3, 220) and Greg Blakes (6-2, 220). Possibilities at tackle include Brad Igou (6-5, 240); Russ Symmes (6-5, 240) and redshirt Steve Chambers (6-6, 255), while sophomores Kani Kauahi (6-3, 250) and Rod Essley (6-4, 250) could break in somewhere.

Back to handle field goal chores is Steve Hicks (7 of 20, 67 points), while the likely punter is Kevin Rutledge (40.8 average on nine punts). But Kush concedes the team needs substantial improvement in both kicking departments if the Sun Devils are to be in the race in 1978.

CALIFORNIA—This is the Pac-10's most difficult team to figure. The Golden Bears played some of the Far West's best football last year, and also some of its worst, in going 7-4 under Mike White. That, and other reasons, cost White his job, and assistant Roger Theder—who was offensive coordinator for six years—has stepped up. The guess is it will take him a year to get things in order, and the Bears should finish in the middle of the pack. But if he takes hold quickly, the team definitely could challenge for the championship.

Theder himself says, "We're going to be a good, sound football team." There is much youth on offense, much experience on defense, which is led by All-America end Ralph DeLoach (6-5, 255) and a strong sophomore tackle, Pat Graham (6-4, 240). Others who figure in the defensive line are redshirt Daryle Skaugstad (6-5, 245); JC All-America Brian Vincent (6-4, 220) and 1977 part-time starters Rich

Miller (6-5, 260) and Bob Rozier (6-3, 245).

Ten of the top 12 linebackers return, including two starters, quick Greg Bracelin (6-2, 205), who's so good he may be moved from outside into the middle, and David Shaw (6-2, 220). Ron Hill (6-2, 220); Pat Turner (6-3, 220) and John Harris (6-1, 220) will contend for the spot vacated by Burl Toler, along with touted transfer Ulysses Madison (6-3, 200).

Superb safetymen Ken McAllister and Anthony Green are gone from league's top pass defense but junior cornerbacks Anthony Washington (6-3, 200) and Daryl Swanson (6-2, 185) return. Leading bets at safety are excellent transfer Rich Terry (6-1, 180); transfer Duane Wilkes (6-3, 200) and Washington's younger brother Timmy (6-0, 180).

There are four vacancies in the interior line, plus holes left by George Freitas and Jesse Thompson, two of the top six receivers in Cal history. And Theder has to pick a quarterback out of five candidates. Seniors Charlie Young (6-1, 190) and Gary Graumann (6-0, 185) alternated in '77, when Young passed for 1,875 yards; Graumann for 797. Then there are junior Eric Anderson and two fine sophomores, Rich Campbell and Art West.

Running back looks very solid, with fullback Paul Jones (805 yards despite missing two games); tailback Oliver Hillmon (5-10, 190); backups John Williams and Al Blackmon and some fine preps like Mike Carnell (6-1, 185); Dave Palmer (6-1, 200) and Dave Samas (6-0, 185). There's one proven receiver, sophomore Floyd Eddings (17 catches for 321 yards), and he should have help from Dave Moggi (11 for 197); redshirts Matt Bouza, Billy Kemp and

Holden Smith and freshmen Michael Buggs (6-2, 190) and Greg Woodward (6-3, 200).

Three veterans—Ron Moffett (5-4, 190); Lamar Lundy Jr. (6-3, 235) and Joe Rose (6-4, 218) will bid to replace Freitas at tight end, along with transfer Ron Farrell (6-6, 235). Guard Duke Leffler (6-5, 250) is the only returning line starter, but he's an honors candidate. Others who figure in the line are Kevin Uperesa (6-6, 240); Brian Bailey (6-3, 240); Craig Watkins (6-5, 250); Rick Anderson (6-2, 245); Mike Harmon (6-3, 240) and Dave Heck (6-2, 235). Dan Melville (42.3 yard average) is a strong punter but a replacement must be found for placekicker Jim Breech. Freshman Joe Cooper may be the man.

STANFORD—Bill Walsh proved, in one season, he's as skilled a college coach as he was a pro coach, but many of the skilled people that helped him along in 1977 are gone. The missing faces from a Cardinal team that went 9-3, went to the Sun Bowl and made Walsh Pacific 8 coach of the year include All-America quarterback Guy Benjamin, wide receivers James Lofton and Bill Kellar and All-America offensive tackle Gordon King. The schedule is murderous, too, with four bowl teams (Oklahoma, Washington, USC and Arizona State).

If the Cardinals win this season, they may have to do it the opposite of last year—with defense. Walsh has seven starters back there, including All-Coast middle linebacker Gordy Ceresino (6-2, 219), who had a school record 174 tackles; linemen Chuck Evans (6-4, 242) and Dean Wilson (6-4, 220); outside linebacker Tom Hall (6-5, 220), defensive backs John Pigott (5-11, 177) and Rick Parker (5-10, 170)

DUKE LEFFLER, 6-5, 250, is California's lone returning offensive lineman and is coveted by the pro scouts.



GORDY CERESINO, Stanford's middle linebacker, comes off brilliant year when he set school record for stops.



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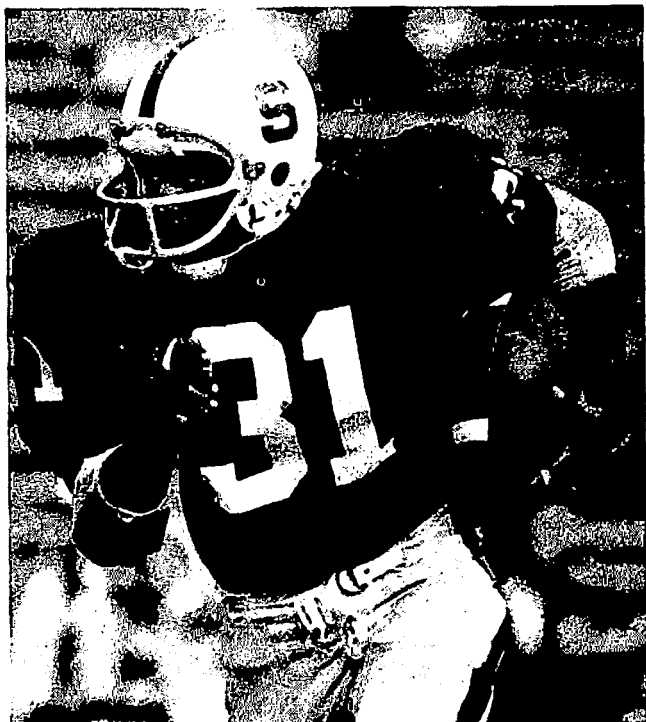
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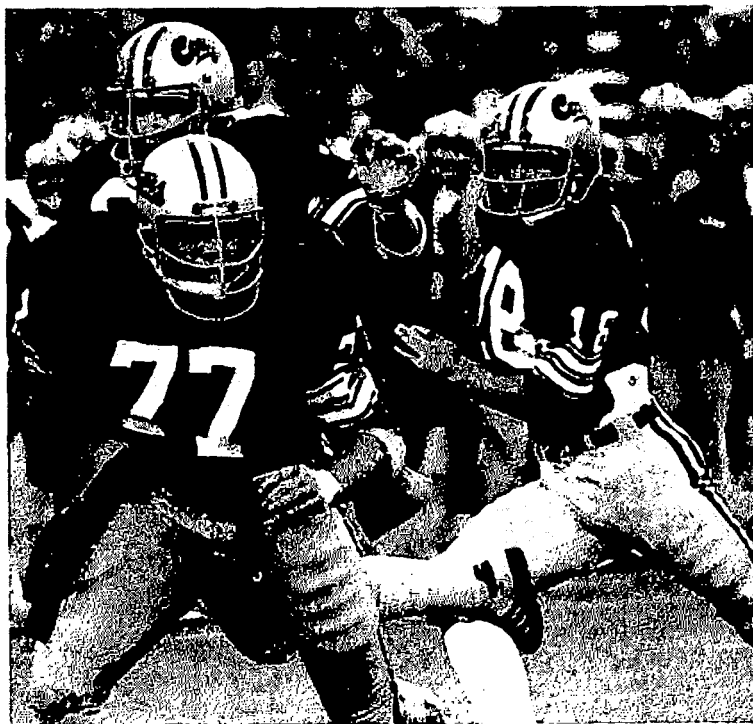
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DARRIN NELSON, Stanford soph, was first collegian to gain 1000 yards and catch 50 passes in the same season.



MARK CHANDLESS, 230-pound guard, set to protect WSU teammate STEVE GRANT (18), out to pick up yardage.

and safety Robby Chapman (6-1, 195), a sophomore whom Walsh calls "a future All-America."

The Cards will switch to a 3-4 defense to take advantage of their linebacking strength. Either Charles Bedford (6-3, 237) or Larry Fisher (6-3, 235) should work with Evans and Wilson in the new front, while Steve Budinger (6-2, 205) will team with Ceresino and Hall. The fourth 'backer might be one of two excellent freshmen—prep All-America Dave Morze (6-4, 210) or Vince Williams (6-3, 220) or a veteran like Bo Boxold (6-3, 210). The fourth defensive back likely will be transfer Steve Foley (6-2, 198) or parttime starter Savann Thompson (6-2, 189).

The offense will revolve around an absolutely marvelous little running back, sophomore Darrin Nelson (5-8½, 170) who became the school's first 1000-yard back (1069) as a frosh, and needs only 700 more to become Stanford's all-time top ground gainer. Senior Phil Francis will start with him, although Walsh expects help from Todd Wasik (6-4, 220) and transfer Jim Brown (6-2, 225).

Steve Dils, outstanding in relief of Benjamin last year (27 of 42 passes for 335 yards), will get the call at quarterback, with Turk Schonert and Grayson Rogers behind him. With Lofton and Kellar both gone, Stanford will use two tight ends often. That means starter Mitch Pleis (6-4, 220) and either Pat Bowe or Marty Smith. The wide receivers are Vince Mulroy, Gordon Banks and sophomores Ken Margerum and Larry Harris. Both Banks and Margerum are sprinters on the track team.

Guard Jim Stephens (6-3, 235) and tackle Gene Engle (6-5, 255) head the line troops, with sophomore Brian Holloway (6-7, 250) prepped to step in for King. Either Fred Burch (6-4, 245) or John

Macaulay (6-4, 235) should be at center; Brent Saylor (6-5, 260) or Mike Neill (6-3, 230) at the other guard.

Walk-on Brad Fox averaged 41.2 yards as the punter, and sophomore Ken Naber (team's second leading scorer with 60 points) has all-star potential.

Walsh obviously faces a challenge but the players know him now and, despite the losses, there are still some fine ones remaining.

WASHINGTON STATE—Since Jim Sweeney left, the Cougars' problem has been carpetbagger coaches, guys who come in for a little quick seasoning, then move on to bigger money and bigger glory. They may now, however, have a man who will stay in Jim Walden, who assisted Warren Powers last year in a 6-5 season that included one of college football's major upsets, a win over Nebraska.

Walden has been smiling since he took the job—probably because the "Throwin' Samoan", Jack Thompson, is back for his senior season and ready to bid for the Heisman Trophy. He suffered a shoulder separation in the spring but it was to his left, non-passing, shoulder. With a good right arm, Thompson, 6-3 and 215 pounds, has passed for 5485 yards in three seasons. Last year he was second in the nation with 2372 yards, hitting 192 of 329 passes for 13 TDs. He has a chance to become the leading passer in league and NCAA history.

Walden won't change either the veer-T offense or 5-2 defense of last season. There were major losses on offense, including all of Thompson's top receivers, Brian Kelly, Mike Levenseller, running back Dan Doornink and tight end Eason Ransom. Beven Maxey (6-3, 170) caught 14 passes as a reserve wide receiver; Gus Hobus (6-4, 215) will get first call at

tight end. Junior running back Mike Washington, the league's leading kickoff return man (25.2 yard average) should blossom. Washington (6-0, 185) probably will play in combination with Samoan Tali Ena (6-2, 180), but transfer Dave Pritchard (6-1, 215) might challenge.

Two starters, center Mark Chandless (6-2, 230) and guard Tom Larsen (6-3, 220) are back from an excellent offensive line that protected Thompson well. Walden has brought in two JC tackles—Dan O'Leary (6-2, 235) and Terry Rude (6-6, 235)—and second teamers Mike Linker, Mike Lemke and Steve Jackson are back, but key man may be tackle Allan Kennedy (6-6, 245), hurt in 1977.

Defensively, the front five are intact. They're Scott Pelluer (6-1, 195) and Tom Thompson (6-1, 200) at ends; Terry Anderson (6-5, 240) and Spud Harris (6-4, 235) at tackles and George Yarno (6-3, 235) at nose guard. Yarno was on UPI's first-team All-Coast squad, and Thompson was extremely consistent. Former starting end Mel Sanders (6-2, 205), hurt last season, will help, too.

Linebackers Don Hover and Dean Pedigo have graduated but their backups, Don Nevels (6-1, 205) and Raleigh Fletcher (6-1, 200) are still around. Nevels could develop rapidly.

Free safety Bob Gregor (6-2, 185) is the only returnee in the secondary but another player hurt last season, John Dodds (5-11, 185) has experience, as do reserves Randal Simmons (5-11, 180) and Mike Snow (6-1, 185). Corner Ken Greene is the toughie to replace here.

Star punter Gavin Hedrick (44.7 yard average) is gone but star placekicker Paul Watson (59 points to lead team) is back. "We have some holes to fill," Walden said, "but the schedule (favorable early) is ideal for bringing along some of our new starters."

ARIZONA—"Mason is a builder!" the slogan in Tucson goes, and Tony Mason had better be just that. After a 5-7 season, he gets the pleasure—if you choose to call it that—of moving his Wildcats into the Pacific 10. To meet the challenge, or try, Mason has signed 26 new players, including eight from junior colleges and another five from the University

of Cincinnati, where he used to coach. He'll merge them with 37 lettermen, and 13 returning starters.

There are two All-America prospects in the offensive line, tight end Ron Beyer (6-3, 217) and tackle Bill Segal (6-5, 253), and the rest of that front looks good, too, with tackle Ron Catlin (6-3, 251), guards John Schramm (6-2, 234) and Neil Orr (6-2, 247). Transfer Norm Katnik (6-2, 245) could move in at center.

Part-time starter Jim Krohn (6-3, 180) returns at quarterback but there is uncertainty at running back, where the 1977 starters are gone. Sophomore Hubert Oliver (519 yards rushing) could be a good tailback and Mason will look at several other people to see if they fit his pro-T offense, mainly sophomore Dearl Nelson (5-11, 183) and transfers Johnny Ziegler and Larry Heater (both 6-0, 200 and talented). Heater, a first-team JC All-America, rushed for 1101 yards and had another 758 on kick returns. Tim Haynes (12 catches for 363 yards) and Danny Walker will be at split end; Reed May and Oscar Harvey, reserves last year, at flanker.

The Wildcats' 5-2 defense has been buoyed by the addition of two big tackles, Cleveland Crosby (6-5, 255) of Purdue, a proven player, and John Stemmer (6-5, 250), an All-America at Golden West JC. But if both start, one likely will have to dislodge the team's top returning lineman, Jeff Whitton (6-2, 233). The ends—Chris Smith (6-2, 206) and John Crawford (6-2, 208)—return but there's a whopping transfer at that position, too, Bob Cobb (6-5, 255). Sophomore letterman Darrell Solomon (5-9, 208) may take over at middle guard.

There's depth at linebacker, in starters Corky Ingraham (6-2, 223) and Jack Housley (5-11, 206) and lettermen Sam Giangardella (5-11, 209); Frank Flournoy (6-0, 214) and Harrison Blackwell (5-11, 220).

Gary Harris (5-10, 161) is the only experienced cornerback but Mason has brought in transfers Dave Liggins (6-1, 193) and Reggie Ware (6-1, 190) from Cincinnati. Starter D. J. Wallace (6-2, 178) and backup Dwayne Horton (5-11, 180) return at safety.

The punter is Ryan Engle, who averaged 41.3 yards a kick. Placekicker Lee Pistor has departed but Bill Zivic, a 6-0, 173-pound freshman, is a phenom who hit a 57-yard field goal at Palo Verde High School in Tucson. Mason is at least reasonably optimistic. "I don't know how we're going to fare in the Pac-10 because I'm not familiar with the teams," he says, "but from our recruiting success, I'd have to say we've already benefited from the new alignment."

OREGON STATE—Craig Fertig thinks his Beavers got confidence by playing extremely well against Washington and USC last year, even though they didn't win a conference game and finished only 2-9 overall. But like his counterpart at Oregon, Rich Brooks, Fertig believes he recruited very well, and is ready to do a little more than just rebuild.

Fertig will gamble on getting more offense by shifting tailback James Fields (740 yards in 1977) to fullback and moving Willie Johnson, who improved late last season, in at tailback. He rushed for 201

RON BEYER, left, tight end, and tackle BILL SEGAL are key members of Arizona's offensive line again in '78.



yards. Duane Gerrardi and Rich Kahoonei will back Fields; Steve Flowers and freshmen Tim Sim and Mike Smith should play behind Johnson.

Senior quarterback John Norman (90 of 200 passes for 929 yards) is back but could be pressed by squadmen Scott Richardson and Dave White, and JC transfer Steve Smith (6-1, 190). They'll be throwing to a good corps of receivers, led by flanker Steve Coury (36 catches for 458 yards); wide receiver Karl Halberg (22 for 274) and wide receiver Dwayne Hall (13 for 172). Transfer James Scruggs (6-1, 190) figures here, too.

The offensive line returns three starters—tight end Chris Smith (6-3, 222); tackle Craig Spiegelberg (6-5½, 258) and guard Kevin Donaghue (6-3½, 253), although Spiegelberg started in 1976, and is back after an injury. Either Rich Humphreys (6-6, 245) or Doug Johnston (6-5, 248) should be at the other tackle. Brian Stack (6-0½, 250) and Gregg McDonald (6-1, 224) are front-runners at the other guard spot, and center, but Fertig will do a lot of looking at those positions.

On defense, ends Jerry Wilkinson (6-9, 264) and Tom Schillinger (6-1, 252) both have been starters. Schillinger likely will be moved to tackle with promising sophomore Nick Westerberg (6-6, 221) or transfer Iris Hawkins (6-4, 230) at the other end. Three backupmen—Bob Priest (6-4, 255); Kevin Messenger (6-2, 273) and Craig Roussel (6-3, 261) should contest for the other tackle spot.

Fertig is worried about his linebacking, even though starters Kent Peyton (6-3½, 223) and Kent Howe (6-0½, 204) return, and sophomore Reggie Williams (6-1, 229) gained some experience. Depth is limited, so the Beavers may have to go to freshmen as backups.

In the secondary, Lenny Homes (5-11, 177) is back at one corner; Rob Emmons (6-1, 186) and Tom Stevens (6-1, 185) at safeties. Transfer Tim Smith (6-3, 185) and returnee Dave Horton (5-9½, 168) will vie for the other corner spot, and there looks to be fair depth all around here.

Placekicker Kieron Walford (18 for 18 PATs, 11 of 18 field goals) returns, and transfer John Misko will get first call as the punter. "We've got to shore up our kicking game," Fertig said. "I thought it cost us four or five games last year."

OREGON—Rich Brooks isn't trying to fool anyone. The Ducks are not going to be Pacific-10 contenders this season; they may not make it out of the league's basement. But Brooks recruited better than many recent Oregon coaches have, and may be starting to build something. The major lacks are depth and staying power (the Ducks were outscored 276-91 in the second and fourth quarters last year, when they won just two of 11 games).

Three-year starter Jack Henderson is gone at quarterback but Mike Kennedy (6-3, 208), who once played at Nebraska, has a strong arm, and potential. He'll be throwing to Ken Page, a 165-pounder who caught 40 passes for 591 yards, and freshman hurdler Rourke Lowe. Another frosh, touted running back Reggie Young (6-1, 194), could help turn around what has been a weak running game. Joining



JOHN NORMAN, Beavers quarterback, passed for 929 yards last campaign.



JAMES FIELDS has led Oregon State in rushing the previous two seasons.

Young are 1976's top rusher, Jim Johnson (356 yards), back after an ankle injury); Ed Radcliff and fullbacks Vince Williams (316 yards) and Jeff Wood.

The offensive line looks good, with four returning starters—guard Bill Hoffman (6-4, 245); center Steve Kleffner (6-2, 245) and tackles Pete Laughlin (6-7, 270) and Pat McDougall (6-5, 255)—plus an experienced guard, Steve Greatwood (6-3, 240) and two good California freshmen, Garrett Earle (6-5, 240) and Chris Cosgrove (6-3, 212). Brooks could have trouble replacing tight end Bill Vincent (16 catches, 214 yards). Senior Dan Clark (6-5, 215); and sophomores Randy Ficco (6-5, 230) and Greg Hogensen (6-4, 210) are the top candidates.

The chief defensive concern is the secondary, where only Kenny Bryant, a second-team, All-Coast safety, is back. But the Ducks recruited well here, getting three Los Angeles-area players, cornerback Rock Richmond (5-9, 165), who should move right in; Jerome Covington (5-10, 175) and freshman Ken Lawler (6-2, 185). Gary Beck (5-11, 185) asked to be shifted to the secondary, too, even though he rushed for 131 yards in the team's closing win over Oregon State.

Brooks will change his defensive alignment from a 5-2 to a 4-3. He has linebackers Bruce Beekley (6-2, 215); Willie Blasher (6-3, 205) and Tim Beyer (6-3, 225), who along with Bryant formed the "busy B's"—a unit that accounted for one-third of the team's tackles. Beekley, who will play middle linebacker in the new defense, was just six tackles short of the school record for a season with 174, and Blasher is a potential star.

The front four should be Vince Goldsmith (5-11, 220), one of the league's top freshmen a year ago; junior Terry Dion (6-5, 265) and sophomores Neil Elshire (6-6, 240) and Scott Setterlund (6-4, 230). Elshire started last year until stopped by knee surgery, when Setterlund moved in for him. There are three JC imports, too, in Sherman Anderson (6-5, 250); Paul Clay (6-3, 230) and Mike Kesler (6-4, 220), and freshmen Mike Honeycutt (6-4, 235) and Jeff Kubitz (6-5, 230).

Placekicker/punter Roy Geiger (leading scorer with 52 points), leaves a large void. Transfer Mike

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Babb could be the punter; freshman Pat English the placekicker.

PACIFIC COAST AA

FRESNO STATE—Nothing like starting at the top. Bob Padilla, who left the Bulldogs' campus in 1968, is back to take over from Jim Sweeney and will inherit a team that won its first PCAA title, with a 9-2 record. Padilla, former defensive coordinator at Michigan State, says he may throw the ball a little more than last year, but in general won't tamper with a winning formula. The major offensive question is whether transfer Bill Yancey (5-11, 160), who has 4.5 speed, can run the veer T offense the way Dean Jones did.

There are plenty of good running backs, led by transfers Greg Gilchrist (6-0, 185) and Loren Micklin (6-0, 200) and returnee Steve Woods, fourth in the NCAA as a freshman in kickoff returns, and tested receivers in tight end Brant Tunget (6-4, 220); Wyatt Henderson, Kelly Woods and John O'Leary. Touted transfer guard John Paetz of Hawaii (6-3, 250) joins two quality tackles, all-conference John Balatti (6-3, 228) and Steve Stackhouse (6-6, 250). Vince Petrucci, who has hit 74 straight PATs and is third on the NCAA's all-time list, and punter Steve Schaeffer both return.

Defensively, Padilla may have more work to do. Four of the top five backs have graduated; leaving only junior Gary Hayes (5-9, 170). But Mark Cusator (6-4, 215), Granville Redmond (6-3, 225) and Vince Sgantas (6-3, 215) return up front and line-backing looks strong, with returnee Darrell Bacon (6-0, 184) and three transfers, Delmo Hooks (6-3, 225) and Jim Kutzer (6-3, 215) of Washington State and Tim O'Doherty (6-2, 212) of Hawaii. All are quick.

LONG BEACH ST.—The 49ers finished only 4-6 but have 18 of 22 starters returning. Coach Dave Currey says, "We should be 100 percent better defensively" and defense was the top spring priority, along with the kicking game. Currey loses All-Coast linebacker Dan Bunz but has Mark Fata (5-11, 225), a hard-hitter, back at that position, along with Kim Thomas and Shaun Ward, and has brought in several transfers. The front line includes starters Phil Lombardo (6-2, 227), Steve Smith and Reggie Belanger, who will be pushed by sophomore Mark Posthumus and transfers Denny Cothren and Greg Corpodian. Wayne Douglass, Jerry Denham, Eric Anglim and Alvin Bennett return in the secondary but Currey likes the looks of transfers Scotty Byers, Dennis Cole, Ken Phillips and Reggie Kellough.

There is quality at quarterback, where senior Jim Freitas, third-ranked nationally in passing (1358 yards, 15 TDs in only eight games) and junior Paul McGaffigan (891 yards) are back. They made Long Beach the nation's 10th-ranked passing team in 1977. To go with his throwers, Currey has the PCAA's four top receivers — all-star candidate Jim McCluskey (33 catches for 381 yards) at tight end; Tony Madocks (35 catches, 410 yards) and Vernon Henry 29, 601, 7 TDs) at wide receivers and Chuck



RICK PARROS, left, junior running back, and RULON JONES, 6-6 defensive tackle, are Utah State stickouts.

Benbow (32 catches, 289 yards) at fullback. Tackle Jay Caffey (6-5, 235) anchors a veteran defensive line along with guard Mike Murphy (6-3, 240), and transfers Herman Parker (6-3, 260); Francisco Castillo (6-4, 240) and Tom Dunford (6-2, 230) figure, too.

UTAH STATE—The Aggies, new kids on the PCAA block, won their final three games last season to finish 4-7 and—with a more reasonable schedule—could give coach Bruce Snyder, the ex-USC assistant, his first winning season in Logan. There are 14 starters back, seven on both offense and defense, headed by All-America candidate Jimmy Bryant (5-9, 165), who caught 41 passes for 561 yards and was third-best in the nation with a 12.6 average on punt returns; running back Rick Parros (1135 yards as a sophomore) and junior tackle Rulon Jones (6-6, 240), an ex-basketball star.

Junior Eric Hipple, who completed 91 of 173 passes for 1301 yards and 10 TDs, will be running the Aggies' slot-I and pro-set offenses. He, Bryant and Parros guided the team to 203.8 yards a game passing, 16th best in the country in 1977. Also back on offense are tackles Kevin Powell (6-4, 255) and Jim O'Rourke; guard Ernest Aalona (6-1, 252) and fullback Gary Wolz (6-1, 200). Joining Jones in the "50" defense are tackle Joe Wills (6-5, 234); nose guards Kelly Kirwan (6-1, 245) and Ron Truitt (6-4, 220); linebackers Will Withers (6-3, 218) and Dave Spiker (6-2, 216) and defensive backs Ron McCloud, Scott Tillotson and Dave Parkin. Snyder thinks he recruited well, looking primarily for help in the offensive line, at linebacker (where two top tacklers, Dan Elder and Claude Nelson) were lost, and at cornerback. Letterman Steve Steinke may take over placekicking duties from departed Scott Dye. A replacement is needed for punter Butch Schnell.

SAN JOSE STATE—Lynn Stiles said he was "building" last year and not too many forecasters listened but as it turned out, he was right. The Spartans finished 4-7, after a 7-4 record in 1976. Stanford and Colorado pose early-season roadblocks this year but Stiles says the general outlook "has to be better." There are six home games—most since 1950—after

the early away tests, and Stiles will be working with 45 lettermen, 14 starters, and a dozen redshirts.

Offensively, quarterback Ed Luther (14th nationally with 126 completions for 1527 yards) and half-back Kevin Cole (fourth in the nation in all-purpose running—755 yards rushing, 178 receiving, 581 in returns)—are fine building blocks. Others who figure prominently in the offenses are running back Jewerl Thomas (5-11, 217) and running back-wide receiver Dexter Tisby (5-10, 180), both redshirts, lineman Pete Angelidakis (6-3, 242), tight end Chip Wilson (6-2, 225) and punter Frank Ratto (38.5 yard average as frosh).

The Spartan defense will revolve around All-America candidate Frank Manumaleuna, a 6-3, 245-pound linebacker who was once a budding star at UCLA until stopped by neck injury. He's unusually quick and strong, and had 146 tackles last year. Rayford Roberson (6-3, 190) was an all-league linebacker, and James Richburg (5-11, 180) was an all-league defensive back. Transfer Ricky Dozier (6-7, 265) could be a force in the line, along with freshman Mao Mao Niko Jr. (6-3, 270). Newcomers vying are linebacker John Kulusich (6-2, 225) and defensive back Derrick Martin (6-0, 185).

PACIFIC—An extremely good defense, which permitted opponents only 14.6 points a game, turned the Tigers into a good team last season (6-5 overall, 3-1 in the PCAA) and coach Chester Caddas has his top man from that unit back, linebacker Brad Vassar (6-2, 225), now a junior. There are six other defensive starters returning with him, including ends Jeff Bassett (6-3, 200) and John Glass (6-2, 230), tackle Jim Escobedo (6-3, 240), cornerback Warren Haggard (5-11, 185) and safeties Shelton Dent (6-2, 190) and Sterling Brunner (6-0, 180). The major losses are linebacker Randy Whited and most valuable lineman Craig Colton. Transfer Bill Nunes (6-3, 230), former teammate of Vassar's at UCLA, could replace Whited, while Ken Sutton (6-6, 260) may be the insider for Colton's spot. Caddas is concerned about depth at defensive end . . . but he's more worried about his offense.

Much improvement is needed at quarterback, since Bruce Parker, a six-game starter before being felled by a knee injury, and Steve Harden will be throwing to inexperienced receivers. And star running back Bruce Gibson is gone. Redshirt Mel Cook, oft-injured Richard Phillips (338 yards) and transfers David Edwards and Levell Quiller will fight for Gibson's spot, with Mike Colton back at fullback. The interior line is intact with Bob Galano, Mike Whited and Brad Short at tackles; Bruce Filarsky and Steve Goulart at guards and Ken Rohde at center, and the kicking is solid with Frank Alegre (13 of 20 field goals) and punter Ray Gaebel.

CAL ST. FULLERTON—The Titans are on the athletic map now because of their basketball program, and are getting better in football, too, under Jim Colletto—2-9 in 1975; 3-7-1 in 1976, 4-7 last year. Colletto sees more improvement, even though he has only seven seniors and the conference is tough. Twenty-four of the top 44 players return, including four

starters on both offense and defense. The offensive star is senior quarterback Dale Bunn (6-0, 180), who passed for 954 yards and rushed for 281. He hit 83 passes in 163 attempts. Four of the team's top five rushers are back, too, including Jay Bennett (643 yards); Mike Martin (464) and Obie Graves (423), but they could be pushed by transfers Victor Moore and Dale Bouman. Wide receivers Marcus Williams, Miller Johnson and Jerome Young all started some but there's a question at tight end, where the top two men graduated, and only guard Leonard King (6-2, 262) is back among offensive line starters. But sophomore tackle Rick Grazyck (6-3, 253) has much ability, and transfer Mike McClinton (6-1, 283) will help.

Colletto concentrated his recruiting on defense, where star Lance Fralick departed. Returning are tackles Mike Goltry (6-0, 233) and Lou Falcone (6-1, 220); Henry Camrena (6-0, 210) at middle guard and Mike Garrett (6-1, 180) and Bob McLean (5-10, 170) at safeties, along with injured back Terry Hanslik (6-2, 180). Bidding to start are transfers Britt Bell (6-1, 220) and Carl Davis (6-2, 240) in the line and Orville Ward, Jerome Washington and Walter Forte at cornerback, a question-mark position.

INDEPENDENTS

NEVADA RENO—The Wolf Pack is coming off back-to-back 8-3 seasons and Chris Ault thinks he recruited well. There are 30 lettermen, topped by running back Wayne Ferguson, school's first 1,000-yard-plus rusher (1,128). Also returning on offense are wide receiver Jeff Wright (100 catches for 1,696 yards in two seasons) and tackle David Hann (6-4, 235), and they'll be joined by JC All-America guard Rick Pettenger (6-4, 250). Linebacker Howard Dodge (6-4, 212) guides the defense, with chief help from guard Carl Selden (6-4, 250) and all-around back Alex Willis (6-2, 180).

PORTLAND STATE—The Vikings came quickly after losing first three games to finish 7-4, and Darrel (Mouse) Davis found a quarterback, 6-4, 200-pound Neil Lomax. In last three and one-half games, he was 86 of 150 and 16 TDs. Lomax has lost major target in 6-4 wide receiver Dave Stief, who made Coaches' All-America team, but has five men back to help in offensive line, and a good receiver in John Urness (27 catches). The defense numbers returnees Rick Cartasegna (215) at end; Charley Brown (218) and Russ Graham (230) at tackles; and Bob Province and Kevin Keeler in the secondary.

CAL LUTHERAN—Bob Shoup's Kingsmen were excellent, as usual, in 1977, going 9-2 and finishing second in NAIA Division II rankings. There are only three offensive and five defensive starters back and Shoup is worried about depth and experience at some spots but he'll build around five All-District players, offensive linemen Mark Weber (6-0, 210) and Tom O'Brien (6-1, 220); defensive lineman Sid Grant (6-1, 215); linebacker Dan Buckley (5-11, 208) and cornerback Steve Bogan (5-10, 180). Transfers like center Steve White (6-1, 225) and defensive

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ST. MARY'S—Dick Mannini, in his second season, looks for improvement over a 4-5 start, and should get it if he can find more depth in both lines and at linebacker. There's good offensive punch in quarterback Terry Cottle (964 yards passing); running backs Rich Orlando (679 net yards) and Joe Pastor (217); wide receiver Dominic Pontrelli; lineman Don DeRosa (6-1, 230) and kicker Kevin Shea (43-yard punt average; 10 field goals, 44 points), and quality on defense in linebackers Mike Michalski and Mark Vignoles (5-8, 190) and backs Dan Hurley (6-1, 195) and Dick O'Connor (6-2, 170).

SANTA CLARA—Even though the Broncos will be young and inexperienced, coach Pat Malley says, "We'll be a better team than in 1977." That might not be too tough, since last year's record was 2-7-1. Back are 27 lettermen, including 10 starters. Defensive tackle Keith Wardell (6-6, 235) is Little All-America candidate, and end Leif Williams had 63 tackles. Both linebacking and the defensive secondary look improved. On offense, transfer Marc Reboah should aid running game; tight end Doug Cosbie had 31 receptions for 517 yards; Jim Leonard (6-4, 250) is a solid tackle and kicker Brian Sullivan (29 points) has talent.

USIU—Shan Deniston lost one key man, nose guard Wayne Thompson, off 3-8 team but has quite a bit of talent back, including offensive linemen Lou Elisara (6-0, 290) and Myron Williams (6-0, 240); wide receivers Ken Harvey (42 catches for 800 yards) and Sam Williams; quarterback Roy Blakeway; defensive tackle Jon Etingoff (6-4, 230) and defensive backs Scott Coopson (5-10, 165) and David Baker (5-10, 180). Deniston thinks quarterback Wayne Adams (6-5, 220), a transfer from Pittsburgh, will help, along with a trio of running backs, Jason Dunn (6-0, 215); Jay Weedell (5-11, 220) and Brian Quigley (6-3, 225).

U. SAN DIEGO—In his third season, coach Bill Williams, whose club was just 3-7 last year, looks for some improvement, because of better recruiting—particularly at defensive back, where all four starters depart. Quarterback Jim Valenzuela, who threw for 1,085 yards, has good receivers in John Dudek (32 catches for 800 yards) and Pat Iaccino, who missed six games with injuries. Defensively, the star is two-time team MVP Greg Perkins (6-1, 195) at end. He'll have help from Barney Rumps (6-1, 210), a four-year starter at linebacker. Steve Danton (6-2, 230) will be a factor in one of Williams' lines.

FAR WESTERN

UC DAVIS—The Aggies had a big season, 10-0 in regular play, best record at school in 62 years of football. More of the same looks possible, since Jim Sochor has a strong defense and a more seasoned and explosive offense. But the schedule is tougher. Conference offensive player of the year Mike Moroski is back at quarterback. He hit 175 of 329

passes for 2,215 yards. Receiver Calvin Ellison (38 catches, 707 yards), returns, too, along with fullback Fred Wheeler (451 yards, 12 TDs). Defensive stars are ends Casey Merrill (6-4, 245) and Mark Markel (6-3, 220), both seniors, and back Mike Johnson (6-0, 170).

CHICO STATE—Quarterback Terry Stokes and a tenacious defense turned Dick Trimmer's Wildcats into a 6-2-1 team and there is experience returning. Leader again is Stokes (1,403 yards passing) with offensive help from running backs Clay Lindsay (478 yards) and Brian Anderson; tight end Curtis Parks and guard Walt Wallace (6-2, 215). Last year's top defensive lineman, nose guard Titus Henry (5-10, 225), is back, along with tackle Kenzie Gray (6-2, 222), and backs Louis Young (6-1, 185) and Charles Carter (5-8, 175), who was all-conference and led league in pass interceptions with five.

CAL ST. HAYWARD—Tim Tierney led the Pioneers to their first winning season (6-3-1) in six years in 1977, and has recruited well off that. There are 33 returnees, led by seven starters from conference's No. 1-ranked offense. Quarterback Chuck Stevenson threw for 1,152 yards, and has running backs Luis Miranda (437 yards) and Rick Pierleoni; wide receiver Al Munday and tight end Sean Genest with him. All-league center Don Dutton (6-1, 225) heads line. On defense, end Gerald Goren (6-3, 220) heads rugged front four, and Frank Rogers, Marvin Marks and Kevin Thur are back in secondary.

HUMBOLDT STATE—Bud Van Deren's Lumberjacks slipped a bit in 1977, to a 5-4 record, but he thinks they'll be better on the arms of two transfer quarterbacks—Ron Jones (6-1, 200) and Mike Flaven (5-11, 185). They have an excellent target in tight end Doug Johnson (22 catches for 343 yards) and good running backs in Kurt Schumacher (521 yards); Eric Tipton and Greg Walker. John Thomas (6-3, 240); Dave Laubacher (6-1, 220) and redshirt John Olson (6-3, 230) are strong up front. The best defenders should be linemen Greg Sarvinski (5-7, 225) and Steve Stanton (6-3, 240); linebacker John Lister (6-3, 210) and back Steve Smith (5-11, 180).

SAN FRANCISCO ST.—The Gators went 5-5 with 22 freshmen, nine of whom started at some point, so figure to be better. The defense is the heralded unit, with All-America honorable mention Dean Triggas and Rich Motylewski in the front line; sophomores Chuck Werk and Joe Garrity at linebackers and senior Frank Duncan in secondary. Quarterback Tom DeRego is back but will be working with a new set of running backs and receivers. The offensive line is almost intact, however, led by Steve Cogan, an honorable mention All-America, and Cleve Bigelow. Kicker Alan Dewart scored 37 points.

SACRAMENTO STATE—New coach Bob Mattos thinks he had a good recruiting year but the Hornets have a chasm to cross after an 0-10-1 season in 1977. The key will be 32 JC transfers, including offensive tackle Brett Robinson (6-5, 247); running back

Johnny Ware (9.6 hundred) and defensive back Don Robinson, who once started at Weber State. Returning starters number wide receiver Ralph Clark, running back Ronnie Edwards and Bill Matthews; defensive linemen Tim Ellis (6-4, 235) and Scott Smith (6-2, 240); and defensive backs Tony Hillmon (6-4, 190) and Dwayne Knox (6-2, 195).

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CAL POLY (S.L. Obispo)—The Mustangs return 35 lettermen from a 6-4 team that was unbeaten in the CCAA. Most of the offensive strength back is in the line, where end Mike Gilmore, tackles Mike Bailey and Brian Page and guards Jim Shelton and Mike Daum all started. The only starter returning in the backfield is fullback Paul Hodgson. Replacements must be found for quarterback Bob Ansari and tailback Bob Trudeau. Defensively, Joe Harper has back ends Steve Spencer and Tom Ray, along with tackle Fred Razo, linebackers Mike Raymo and Sven Hasselberg and safetyman Randy Smith.

CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE—Jack Elway's Matadors were 7-3-1 in 1977, and could be in position to upend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the CCAA. Heading the list of 23 lettermen are Little All-America candidates Mike Maglione, a fullback who rushed for 738 yards, and cornerback Dave Vierra, who averaged 28 yards on kickoff returns and intercepted four passes. Other talented prospects include redshirt wide receiver Rob Sanderson (6-4, 210); transfer nose guard Scott Chase, a JC All-America, and several members of a secondary that intercepted 22 passes, including Mike Poyer, Ray Walker, Dave Dohnel and Mike Jackson.

CAL POLY (Pomona)—Jim Jones is talking changes—primarily switch to the wishbone T—after a 2-8 season where offense was poor. Jones likes his defense, which held UC Davis to just 55 yards rushing. There are 23 players among 45 lettermen who started at least one game, including linebackers Scott Pickwith (6-2, 230), Jay Giangregorio (5-11, 205) and Dominic Licavoli (6-3, 220) and defensive backs Rodney McMillan, Jim Middleton and Rodney Soward. Mike Seymour and Greg Schammel look improved in offensive line. Transfers Mike Newby and Delvin Barnett will vie with Gordy Bohannon and Sammy Ross at quarterback.

SOUTHERN CAL. IAC

WHITTIER—John Godfrey's major concern is replacing four starters in a defensive secondary that intercepted 23 passes. If he can fill the gaps, the Poets (8-2) will be a strong contender for league title. Junior quarterback Chris Terrazas (14 TD passes) leads the offense, and will be throwing to two top receivers—Don Hodson and Ray Chavez. Senior Rick Alkire is top running back, but all-district Bob Warren will be difficult to replace. Excellent pass rusher Ted McCasline is key to the defense, at middle guard, and he has excellent help from tackle Jeff Jackson and end Tony Primrose.

REDLANDS—As expected, the Bulldogs won the SCIAC championship, with a 6-3 record, but Frank Serrao loses nine offensive starters, and must build a running game and an offensive line. Quarterback Jim Conley and fullback Don Fleming (252 yards) are keys, along with tight end Dave Simmons, and kicker Reed Myer, who scored 56 points. The defense looks tough, with four all-conference players—tackle Skip Buck (6-0, 215); middle guard Greg Harper (5-9, 215); end Steve James (6-0, 200) and safety Randy Blalock (6-2, 190) joined by halfback Tom Bazacas and rover Dan Kleckner.

OCCIDENTAL—The Tigers lost two skilled players, quarterback Tom Hamilton and wide receiver Rick Fry from 5-4 team, and there is uncertainty in the backfield. But Bill McQueary has a quality receiver in junior Tim Bond (31 catches for 393 yards) and two veteran guards—Ernie Isensee (6-0, 195) and Louis Hook (5-10, 235). There are eight starters back on defense, led by linebackers Ron Higuera (5-10, 190) and Darrell Krasnoff (6-2, 195) and a strong secondary that includes safety Willie Jefferson (5-10, 185); safety Joel Van Ryckeghen (5-10, 175) and cornerback Mike Roberts (5-9, 175).

LA VERNE—The Leopards lost much personnel from team that slipped from 5-4 in 1976 to 4-5 last year but coach Roland Ortmyer has 46 returnees and thinks he may have the speed to be a conference contender. Senior Brad Frick (6-0, 195), hurt last season, is the best of the lot as an all-purpose running back. There are two quality wide receivers in Steve Hines (5-10, 170), who also led conference in punt returns, and Dave Serrano (6-0, 165). The best defensive players are all-conference tackle Steve Goggans (6-4, 220); end Mike Bustos (6-0, 215) and back Bruce Hines (5-10, 170).

CLAREMONT-MUDD—The lack of a passing attack hurt the Stags seriously last season when they went 1-7, and coach John Zinda is hoping that situation will be rectified by the addition of transfer Bob Furray (6-3, 190). Furray will join top offensive returnees Don Chester (5-11, 175) at flanker and Augie Nieto (6-0, 200) at center. "If we jell quickly," Zinda says, "we could surprise people." There's more experience on defense, in people such as tackle Dave Flatten (6-2, 220) and safety Steve Schiro (5-10, 180), and they'll be joined by transfer linebacker Eric Jenican (5-11, 205).

POMONA-PITZER—New coach Mike Steinhour has had a combined 93-29-4 record in previous high school and college jobs and is looking for a resurgence in Sagehens' program. Quarterback Kevin Pete (56% completion average) will be throwing to split end John Buzzard (6-1, 185) and tight end Wayne Bergland (6-2, 210), who caught 46 passes for 455 yards. Other offensive stars should be tackle Lane Borg (6-4, 245) and running back George Bushala (401 yards as freshman in 1976). Bergland's twin brother, Allen (6-2, 220) will be at defensive tackle; Brian Miller at linebacker; Curt Davis at defensive back.

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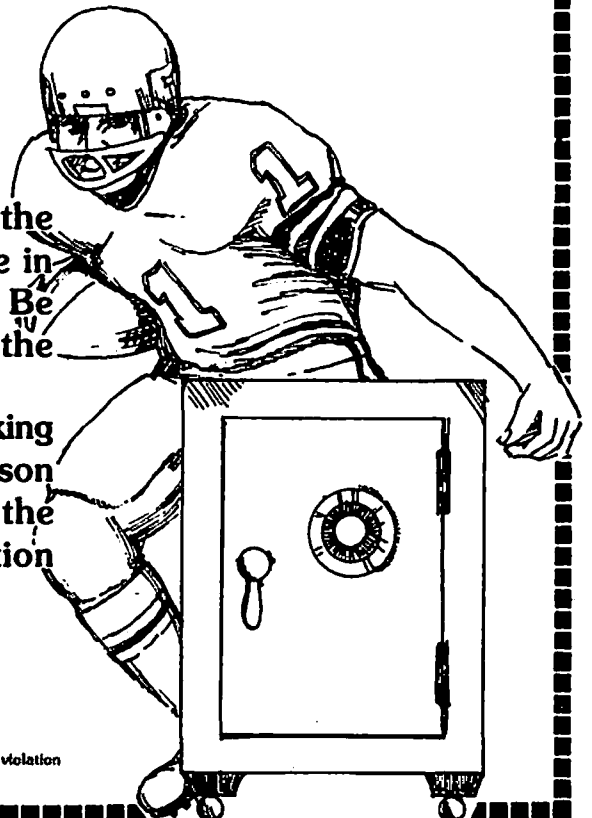
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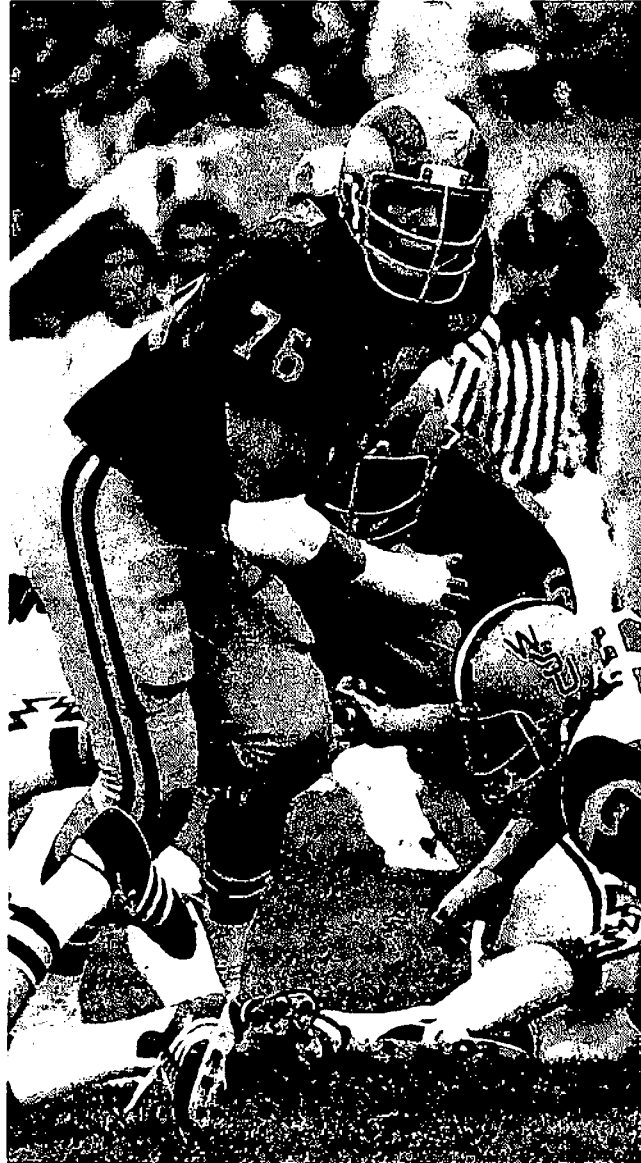
PETE INGE, 262-pounder, provides protection for San Diego State attack.

MARK HALDA, left, soph QB for San Diego State, comes back from surgery.



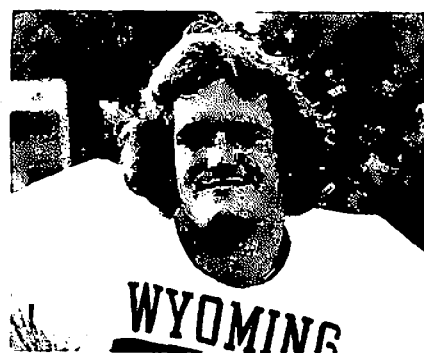
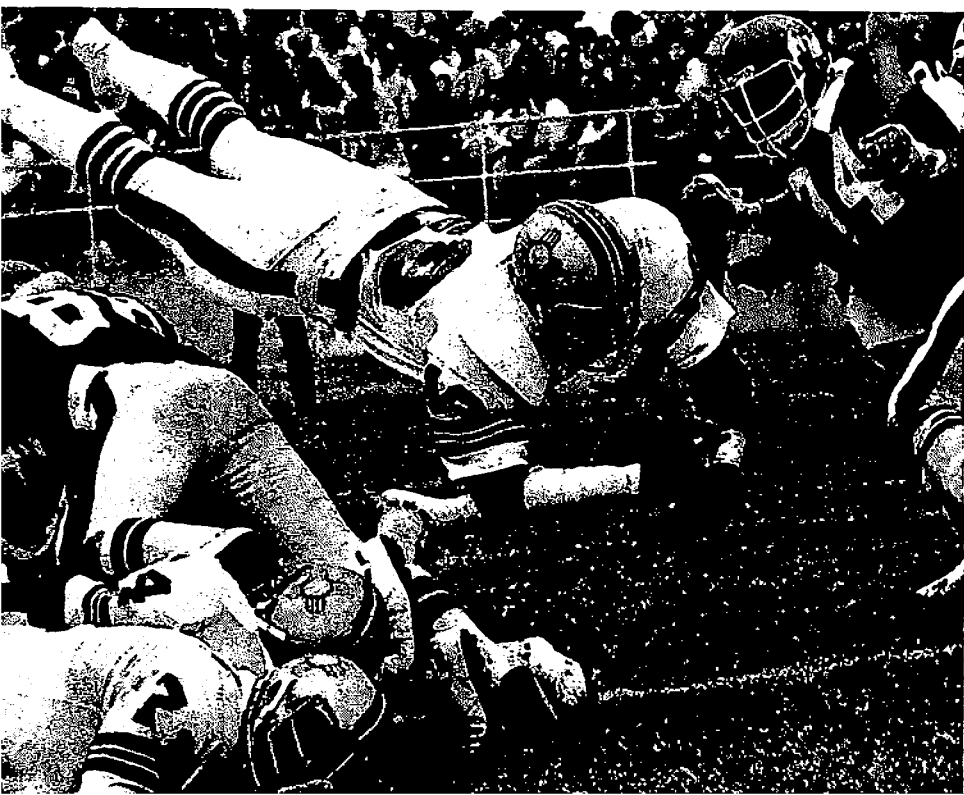
DAVE ZIEBART, Falcon QB, fired eight TDs in '77, amassing 1562 yards.

TOM FOERTSCH credited with 184 tackles for Air Force during '77 season.



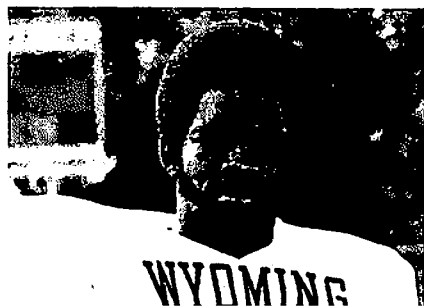
MIKE BELL (76), senior All-America candidate, heads Colorado State's defensive line, among best in country.

MIKE WILLIAMS, WAC's top rusher from New Mexico, dives for touchdown.



MIKE WEBB, 6-4, 260, plays key role on Wyoming's defensive line.

MYRON HARDEMAN raced for 1165 yards, nine TDs for Wyoming in '77.





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The Rockies

BRIGHAM YOUNG TO HOLD OFF NEWCOMER SAN DIEGO STATE, OTHERS VIE FOR THIRD

PREDICTIONS

Western Athletic Conference

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| 1. Brigham Young | 6. New Mexico |
| 2. San Diego State | 7. Texas-El Paso |
| 3. Colorado State | *8. Hawaii |
| 4. Wyoming | *9. Nevada-Las Vegas |
| 5. Utah | *Not eligible for title play |

Independents

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| 1. Air Force Academy | 2. Northern Colorado |
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The Western Athletic Conference lost Arizona and Arizona State to the Pac-10 but gained San Diego State and the Aztecs should be in the thick of the fight for the championship.

But Brigham Young, with its remarkable passing game which has brought two straight co-championships, should be able to stave off the Aztec charge.

Utah State, which had been an independent since the WAC was formed in 1962, joined the Pacific Coast Athletic Assn., and Air Force Academy ranks as the top independent in the Rockies.

The Falcons also have the only new head coach in Bill Parcella, who replaced the veteran Ben Martin, who resigned to enter private business.

While Brigham Young and San Diego State, with their devastating air games, will be the early favorites, the race for third through sixth is a rat race.

Each of the four—Colorado State, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah—has the potential to finish as high as third, and maybe challenge for the championship, but each has the liabilities to finish sixth, with injuries or bad bounces.

Texas-El Paso, still behind the others in its long rebuilding process, is the only team which doesn't appear to have a run at the title.

Hawaii, long an independent, is scheduled to join the WAC in July of 1979 while Nevada-Las Vegas, long a division II power, hopes to be admitted formally in July of 1980.

Their games against WAC teams will not count in the conference standings.

The WAC offers an unusual number of talented athletes for All-America consideration and the pro draft.

The outstanding one is Mike Bell, the huge defensive tackle for Colorado State, but other defensive stalwarts are Mat Mendenhall, BYU lineman; Ken Fantetti, Wyoming linebacker; Jeff Lyall, Utah

tackle; Tom Tuinei, Hawaii lineman; Randy Rizo, Nevada-Las Vegas tackle, and Max Hudspeth, New Mexico defensive back.

Marc Wilson, who replaced All-America Gifford Nielsen for BYU after four games and maintained the passing marks, heads the quarterbacks, who include Randy Gomez of Utah and Oscar Ramirez of Texas-El Paso.

Air Force Academy has a top passer in Dave Ziebart, one of the best, and New Mexico has Noel Mazzone.

Three excellent receivers demanding recognition are Bubba Garcia of Texas-El Paso, Mike Chronister of BYU and Henry (Varoom) Varen of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Among the better running backs are Myron Hardeman of Wyoming, Wilbert Haslip of Hawaii, Mike Williams of New Mexico and the speedy Jones boys, Larry and Norris, of Colorado State.

With attempts to adapt quickly to the new conference members by the time each is eligible to play for the championship, the old-line WAC members dropped some of their suicidal—but financially rewarding—name opponents.

It may be a year or so before Hawaii and Nevada-Las Vegas are acceptable as replacements for Arizona and Arizona State in the minds of the WAC fans.

WESTERN ATHLETIC

BRIGHAM YOUNG—In the last four years, the Cougars have ranked high in the passing statistics while winning one undisputed WAC championship and sharing the title the last two years.

And, despite the graduation of All-America quarterback Gifford Nielsen and loss of offensive coordinator Doug Scovil, the Cougar Flying Circus must be considered the outfit to beat.

The loss of Nielsen didn't come as a shock because he was hurt in the fourth game of the season and Marc Wilson came along to pass the Cougars to the NCAA passing leadership.

Despite playing sparingly until Nielsen's knee injury, Wilson ranks as the returning total offense leader in the nation.

Wilson set an NCAA record by passing for 571 yards against Utah and in his first varsity start, against Colorado State, he threw seven touchdown passes.

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attempts with 18 interceptions
and 24 touchdowns along with his
2418 aerial yards last year, in
seven games.

Mark Chronister, the 6-0, 190-
pound senior flanker, returns with
his career record of 69 receptions
for 1355 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Tod Thompson also returns at
the tight end, and the 6-5, 204-
pound senior caught 37 for 602
yards and nine touchdowns.

Coach LaVell Edwards has 11
starters returning, plus 18 from
the alternate unit, with only five
players missing from the top two
defensive alignments.

And, despite BYU's publicity
on passing and scoring, the de-
fense is the key to the Cougar
success.

As Edward admits, "We can
play the high-risk passing offense
because if we give up the ball, the
defense can hold and get it back,
or get it back by causing a turn-
over."

At the start of the spring drills,
both lines were subject to con-
jecture, with the offensive line show-
ing only center Tom Miller (6-2,
230-pound senior) as a returning
starter.

But Tom Bell, who had started
three years ago ahead of Keith
Uperesa, before going on an
L.D.S. Church mission, returned
at offensive guard and Al Gas-
pard, Scott Nielson, Danny
Hansen, Nick Eyre and Rob
Anderson took over to alleviate
much of the concern.

The junior college transfers
were offensive guards or tackles,
including Mike Young, 6-7, 260;
Randy Tidwell, 6-4, 240; Andy
Reid, 6-3, 240 and Doug Wilkes,
6-3, 255.

Offensive tackle Craig Chris-
tensen also is back from the
Mormon mission field, along with
Mike Lacey, a linebacker, and
Rob Wilson, defensive back.

Jim McMahon, who punted as a
frosh, had a good spring and will
spell Wilson at quarterback. Let-
terman Scott Phillips has the edge
at tailback and senior Bill Ring
should move in as fullback.

BYU's rushing game hasn't
been that potent in the past and
probably won't hurt many people,
except as the backs come out as
receivers.

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Defensive starters include ends Ross Varner (6-3, 236) and Mat Mendenhall, 6-6, 230, the latter the leading defensive player with 16 tackles for loss and 11 QB sacks. Doug Stromberg started often at tackle, too.

Linebacking is a strong point with three-year veterans Rod Wood and Larry Miller. Miller, the weak linebacker, 6-5, 220, led the team with 31 unassisted tackles, while Wood has twice been named all-WAC.

Gary Kama, Danny Frazier and Tom Enow are lettermen linebackers. Two top freshmen are defensive linemen, Wayne Faalafua from Carson, Cal., and Pulusila Filiaga from Hawaii.

Offensively, the top frosh are quarterback Mike Mees and Mike Morgan, a lineman who may play offense or defense.

In the secondary, starters Bob Prested, Ron Velasco and Jason Coloma return.

Steve Corson, David McKee, John Neal and Marc Swenson also lettered as defensive backs.

McMahon will handle the punting, but the field goal and placekicking is a question. If BYU's passing game has a weakness, it's in the overall speed of the receivers.

SAN DIEGO STATE—Tradition says no football coach wins the WAC title in his first year in the league, but Claude Gilbert could win the title in San Diego State's first season of WAC membership.

The Aztecs play all six of the current WAC members to qualify for the championship and the fact the Aztecs were 20-2 for the last two years and Gilbert's five-year record is 45-8-2 lends support for the tradition-breaking.

However, in the four years they competed against WAC teams, the record is 6-3 for the Aztecs, but three of the victories came at the expense of Texas-El Paso, so the competition may be a bit tougher than the normal schedule.

Coach Gilbert returns 32 lettermen, but only nine starters from the 10-1 team which lost only to Fresno State.

As in the past, the Aztecs will count heavily on the junior college transfers to replace the start-

ers, and this has been a successful formula.

Offensively, a lot of new faces figure to appear, with only guards Pete Inge and Dave Katzenmeyer and tight end Don Warren returning.

Tackles Kevin Fidel and John Kmet both played a lot as reserves, as did tight end Donnie Glenn and wide receiver Rick Garretson.

The Aztecs have set passing records in the past, but Gilbert will be going with new wide receivers and a quarterback who saw limited action, as well as a new backfield and offensive line.

Mark Halda returns as a sophomore quarterback after completing 16 of 34 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns.

He is coming off shoulder surgery and will have a battle from redshirt Chris Schaefer and last year's punter, Greg Roeszler.

Schaefer was a junior college All-America at Merced two years ago where he completed 218 of 393 passes for 2092 yards and 27 touchdowns. Roeszler had a bad arm last season and concentrated on punting where he averaged 38.8 yards.

Veteran wide receiver Rick Garretson must face the challenges of Lonnie Moore, who caught 109 passes for 2179 yards and 20 touchdowns in two seasons at Merced; Steve Stapler, 27 receptions for 617 yards last year at West L.A.; Cary Hons, who had 87 catches for 1529 yards and 14 scores in two years at El Camino and Gary Snell, 37 receptions for 871 yards and 10 touchdowns last year at Santa Rosa.

The two prime running backs to replace David Turner are Farrell Mack from Santa Barbara City College and Cal Ray Anderson from Taft. Frosh standout Vince Emanuel could be a pleasant surprise.

Mike Hill saw limited experience as a runner last year, with 153 yards in 25 carries. Mike gained 1023 yards in 211 carries while Anderson was the small college Player of the Year with a 6.9 average (842 yards in 122 carries).

Despite the lack of starters returning, the offensive line

figures to be strong and big. Guards Inge and Katzenmeyer are 6-0 and 262 and 6-1 and 240, respectively. Tackles Fidel and Kmet are 6-4 and 260 and 6-4, 247.

Guards Dan Moody and Larry Oliver and center Tedd Davis saw plenty of playing time. Transfers Brian Scudday (center), Kevin Pertulla (tackle) and John Nikos (center) will battle fresh redshirt Daryl Yarbrough for spots.

On defense, six starters return, headed by end Rickey Richardson and linebackers Ron Morehouse and James Lamar.

Safeties Steve Jorde and Mark Miller and corner Henry Williams also started. Back up men Kent Perkov, Phil Chambliss and Mike Bunkley provide line depth and Alan Sinclair and Randy Goetschuis are experienced linebackers while in the secondary experience is provided by Johnny Moore, Terrell Ward and Saladin Martin.

Defensive newcomers include linebacker Scott Carter from Fullerton College and defensive end Jim Wilks of Pasadena, both J.C. All-America players.

Others are all-state linebacker Greg Schneider from Taft, linebacker Paul Black from Santa Barbara and tackles Rich Karno from Pasadena, Randy Mastin from Hartnell and Jim Kentris from Long Beach.

The kicking game is solid with Roeszler back. Although injured, placekicker Steve Duncan hit on 17 of 17 points-after and five of eight field goals.

COLORADO STATE—When the Rams finished 9-2-1 at the end of his fifth coaching season at Fort Collins last year, Coach Sarkis Arslanian admitted, "We are right on schedule and we figure this was a historical team."

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quarterbacks, lack of a power fullback with experience, punter and placement kickers and key spots in the offensive and defensive lines.

There is raw talent on the CSU squad, but lack of experience could dim the prospects with three conference games in the first month of the season.

Quarterbacking has to be a crucial problem, and the Rams went through the spring with three junior college transfers and a soph who threw one pass and completed it last fall.

The situation was muddled more when back-up QB Gary Crowton elected to switch to wide receiver on the promise he could be a starter. That left the race among transfers Steve Fairchild, the nation's J.C. total offense leader from San Diego Mesa; Keith Lee from Santa Monica and Kevin Starkey from El Camino.

Fairchild, who figures to be No. 1 in the fall, passed for more than 5000 yards in his two junior college seasons.

In the spring, the Rams sought a power runner to replace fullback Ben Norman, but, lacking power, the Rams may go to speed.

Soph Larry Jones was a starter and carried 185 times for 790 yards and seven touchdowns. Larry's brother, Norris Jones, probably will get a starting role and both the Jones boys have been clocked under 4.5. Soph Alvin Lewis played defense last year, but may get a shot at running back.

The only running back signed in the recruiting drive was Marti Lee Wolever, a 6-3, 215-pound fullback, a freshman, who may be shoved into the power slot.

The receiving corps is excellent—one deep. Mark R. Bell, wide receiver, had the second-best single season receiving record with 797 yards on 40 catches.

At tight end, Mark E. Bell should move up from the alternate role a year ago. Backing up Mark R. may be Cecil Stockdale, an All-America jaycee from Snow.

The interior line has only starter Wade Troxell returning at center for the fourth year.

The experience picture will

be better if three veterans who missed the spring are able to play. Guard Bill Leer (6-4, 230), recovering from a leg injury; Dave Lamb (6-4, 261), an arm injury and soph tackle Bob Penazola (6-7, 280) recovering from illness.

The bright spot in the Ram picture is Mike Bell, an early-season candidate for All-America and Outland Trophy honors.

Bell is just one of the outstanding defensive linemen in the country. A 6-5, 255-pound senior was named to the Associated Press All America second team and was WAC "Lineman of the Year" in '77. He was voted AP "lineman of the week" for his play against Arizona State when he made 11 unassisted tackles, six assists, tackled ball carriers six times for a loss of 35 yards, sacked the quarterback three times for 25 yards, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

He'll be matched with Dennis Freeman (6-5, 260) to give the Rams as fine a tackle tandem as one team boasts.

Five are in contention for the starting posts at the ends, including Dale Holcomb, Mike Goldfeder, Ted Boyd, Mike Carew and soph Greg Seiger.

Four starters return in the secondary, with Chris Parise and Ricky Harr at safeties and cornerbacks Nick Howell and Dupree Branch.

Kent Campbell put on 25 pounds and switched from outside to middle linebacker in the spring. He's the only starter returning. Steve Dora, Scott Watson, Eric Woody, Scott McGill, Brent Penfold and David Jurk will fill the other spots.

Kicking, both field goals and punts, played major roles in the CSU success, and new men will be handling the chores. Erling Halle or frosh Mickey Barilla will do the placements and Eric Woody and Chris Parise are adequate punters. But the Rams will lose yardage on all their kicks from last year's 43.6 punting average and the 28x33 PATs and 11 of 19 FGs.

WYOMING—"Back to basics" was the watch word of Coach Bill

Lewis as he prepared for the opening of his second season as Cowboy coach.

And by "basics" Lewis meant the emphasis on toughness, discipline and fundamentals in an effort to improve on the 4-6-1 record of 1977.

Hence, even though Lewis returns 34 lettermen, including seven starters on offense and seven on defense and two kickers, the Cowboys may show several new faces in the fall.

In addition to the year of experience and coaching under the Lewis system for the veterans, the progress is expected to come from 13 transfers and 23 varsity and frosh red shirts from last year.

Wyoming will have the same quarterbacks, with Marc Cousins getting the starting call since Don Clayton catches for the baseball team. Cousins runs the option well. But both have shown a tendency to injuries in their careers.

The running back situation is the best in years.

"When I came I said I wanted six, seven or eight backs we could count on, and I think we have them," Lewis beams.

Myron Hardeman, second team All-America and the Wyoming single-season rushing record holder, paired with Latrail Jones for 1800 yards rushing last year. Jones saw action as a wide receiver in the spring, which might put Tony Caldwell with Hardeman as the running backs.

Bob Davis saw a lot of action as a runner in the spring and depth comes from Tony Bushala, Reggie Fowler, Chico Johnson and LaFran Simmons.

Two veterans from 1976 who sat out because of injuries give the receiver corps depth and class. In John Arnold and Kenny Lett, Lewis has veteran talent, while Simmons will alternate between flanker and running back.

Two junior college transfers, Adonis Jones and Danny Pitman will be used. Vic Baginski, who was switched to tackle, is expected to move back to tight end.

Center proved a problem last year, but soph Stan Bojokawski and J.C. transfer Dan Price seem to have settled that worry.

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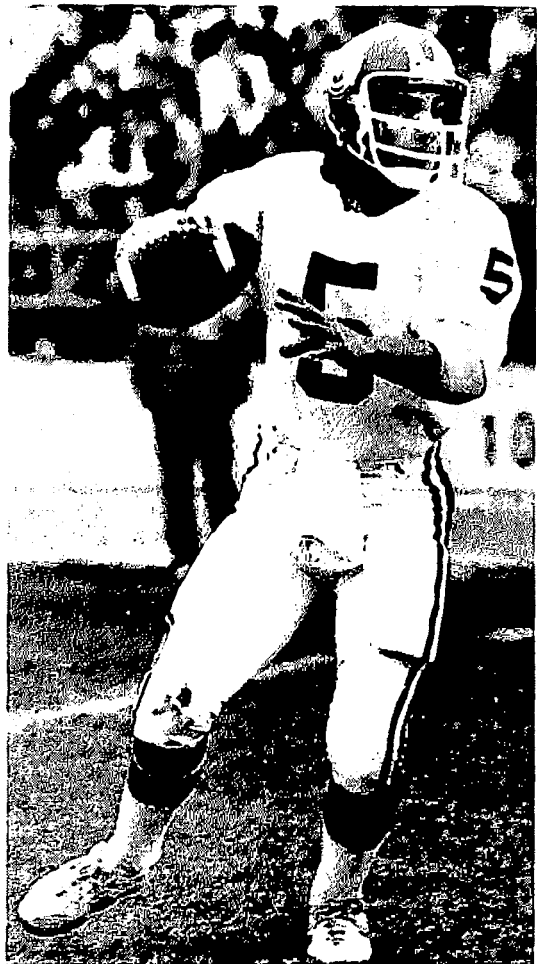
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RANDY GOMEZ, Utah quarterback, ranked 10th in nation in passing.

The offensive interior line was up for grabs in the spring with only starters Baginski, now an end, and tackle Johnny Miller. Tom Dragt, a frosh last year, saw a lot of action. Brothers Marshall and John Patton will play somewhere for Wyoming. Keith Mills will come over from the defense and transfers Dan Price and Leigh Mitchell could help.

The Big Three up front on defense—Mike Webb (6-4, 260), Pat Ogrin (6-4, 235) and Greg Chytka (6-1, 235) are solid, but the ends probably will be Helmut Wise and transfer Ken Miller.

Ken Fantetti is a premier line-backer at 6-1, 225 pounds and if Leroy Garner can escape injury, the position should be strong.

Wyoming may start four junior college transfers in the secondary. Jerry Eure played well at corner last year and safety Jerry Schaaake started most games.

Derrin Jenkins, Reggie Elmore,

Michael Dennis, Kenneth Jones and Ricky Bussey have more talent than anything Wyoming has shown recently.

The kicking is adequate with Dan Christophulos (11 of 14 PAT and 9 of 18 FG) and Mike Smith (40.3 average) or Clayton (38.7) for punting.

UTAH—Two good recruiting years and a schedule more compatible with a rebuilding process lends optimism to Coach Wayne Howard's second season with the Utes.

The fact 15 freshmen saw a lot of action against Oklahoma, Houston, Arizona State, BYU and Florida in the 3-8 freshman year for Howard bolsters the hopes for a break-even season after four consecutive losers.

Sixteen redshirts, headed by Captain Mike Moseley, the full-back who broke his leg in the opener against Oklahoma, should provide depth in class, as well as competition for the starters.

Nine defensive starters and six offensive regulars are back among the 36 returning lettermen.

The defensive unit holds the key to the season, because Howard is convinced the offense and kicking game are solid.

Key to the improved defense is Jeff Lyall, a 6-1, 220-pound defensive tackle, who red-shirted after coming with Howard from Long Beach State.

Randy Gomez, the mini-quarterback who was second in the WAC in passing and total offense, should be better with a much improved offensive line.

Moseley will move into his old fullback slot, but he'll be pressed by a half-dozen young running backs, headed by 210-pound Del Rodgers, a freshman and Mel Fields, a junior college transfer, along with veterans Dan Barrett, Tony Lindsay, Robbie Richeson and Rocky Liapis.

Harlan Karnofsky and Tom Banks will battle for backup quarterback.

Kicking is stressed in the Howard coaching strategy and in Rick Partridge, Utah has the sixth-best nationally with a 44-yard average. Jeff Hucko will handle placements.

Chief receivers will be Frank

Henry (40 for 622 yards), Corey Hansen and transfers Jerry Everett and Lewis Walker, with Doug Watson and red shirt Steve Folsom (6-5, 220) at tight end.

Gordie Kurz, the starting tight end, may miss his senior year with arthritic knees.

Offensive starters returning include Rod Besler at tackle; Rich Ayers, offensive tackle; Tom Krebs at offensive guard and Frank Henry at wide receiver.

Red shirt Dean Miraldi (6-6, 245) will help at offensive tackle. Krebs (6-3, 230) and transfer Tim Davis (6-6, 245) bolster the offensive line with transfer Denny Wagner (6-2, 245) at center.

Freshman Steve Clark (6-5, 240) will fit into the defensive unit, which is led by end Guy Morrell, and includes starters Mike Kinsella, defensive tackle; Mike Sobolewski, nose guard; Dan Stewart, end; Mike Bailey and Richard Umphrey, linebackers; Jeff Griffin, Derek Washington and Derek Daniels, defensive backs.

Utah is on the comeback and the main source of optimism is the fact the young squad doesn't have to face Oklahoma and Houston the first two weeks of the season.

NEW MEXICO—Coach Bill Mondt opens his fifth season as head coach with some 50 reasons why New Mexico should improve on its 5-7 record of 1977.

Forty-four of those reasons involve returning lettermen, most experience Mondt has had at Albuquerque.

But the biggest returnee is full-back Mike Williams, who missed the last two games of the season with knee surgery. Williams was held out of the spring drills, along with quarterback Noel Mazzone (shoulder surgery) to hasten their recovery.

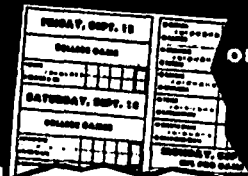
Mondt also wanted to get a look at several rookies but he called off the spring drills a week early to prevent further injuries, which hampered the drills.

Williams (6-3, 220-pound senior) twice was named to the all-WAC and last year, in his 10 games, bulled for 1096 yards.

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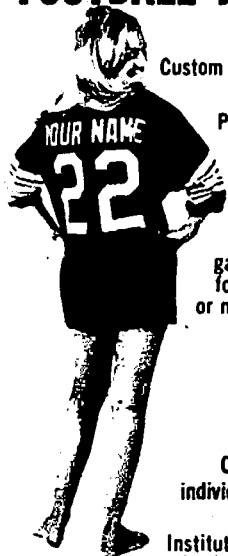
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the 2595 rushing yards from last year.

Mike Carter, the prep All-America from Albuquerque, is a strong candidate for the outside threat Mondt needs.

But at the end of the spring, Jimmy Sayers may have won the starting tailback spot. He carried 45 times for 246 yards as a reserve last year and ran hard in the spring.

With Mazzone being rested, Mondt counted on Larry Urban, a red shirt transfer from Texas A & I, but he suffered a knee injury which required surgery the first week of spring drills.

C. J. Jones, the hard-throwing 6-3, 200-pound senior quarterback, had experience last year, but he was given little action in the spring to give his shoulder operation a chance to mend.

Casey Miller, a senior who has yet to play a down for the varsity, emerged as the pro tem No. 1 quarterback after the spring drills.

Mazzone has 3703 career total yards and should hold the school record before the season ends. The 6-2, 209-pound senior completed 77 of 159 passes for 1085 yards and rushed 167 times for 537 net.

All-WAC center Tom Ryan leads the parade of five offensive linemen returning. Tackles Frank Giddens and Kevin Stark, along with strong guard Ron Hegge and tight end Chris Combs provide starting experience up front.

In addition, Mondt and his staff recruited 12 interior linemen over the winter, including five junior college transfers. Shirley Ray, 6-5, 255-pound defensive tackle, is a comer.

Flanker Keith Ellis, a starter, was the No. 4 receiver last year, with 11 catches for 150 yards.

Defensively, both unit "front fours" return, headed by Academic All-America tackle Robert Rumbaugh, a 230-pounder who was second in tackles last year with 114.

Rumbaugh pairs with Mike Dickson, with Daryl Bryson and Charlie Baker (the leading tackler with 135) at the ends.

Linebacking is solid with starters Mike Forrest and Andy Wic-

zorek returning, along with top reserve Bob Shupryt.

All-Around Max Hudspeth leads the returning secondary. In addition to playing free safety, Max does the punting and returns punts.

Jon Sutton and Mark Koskovich have experience and rookies Sharay Fields and Felix Kelson gained experience as freshman a year ago.

Hudspeth was third in the nation in punt returns with a 13.2 average and has 11 career interceptions.

TEXAS-EL PASO—The Miners have won only three games against 31 losses in the last three years and it will take something of a miracle for Coach Bill Michaels to improve that average very much with both offensive and defensive lines in need of rebuilding.

Beginning his second year as Miner coach, Michaels can count on only 20 returning lettermen, including one who lettered before and red-shirted last year.

And he must find a replacement for his great running back, Robert Elliott, who made All-WAC three years, with losing teams.

On the positive side, Oscar Ramirez, leading passer and total offense leader, returns at quarterback, along with starters Willie Neal and Homer Thompson. Ray Holt, who lettered in 1975-76 but missed last year, also is back, with walk-ons Larry Smith, Eddie Hawkins and Gordon Kirk.

Center Leonard Hill (6-3, 230) is the only starter back in the offensive line. Lettermen tackles Rick Putnicki (6-1, 220) and Arthur Brackeen (6-2, 240-pound junior) and twin brothers Rod and Rick Miller, transfers from Long Beach City College, may be the guards.

Mike Bowerman (6-4, 210) is the only experience at tight end, with sophs Frank Jarzombek and Derick Cloman as possibilities.

Bubba Garcia, the team's leading receiver and All-WAC as a soph, is the only experienced receiver.

Elroy Stoglin (6-4, 215) is a solid outside linebacker, paired

with Rodney Green (6-3, 210).

Three lettermen are in the secondary in Curtis Stevenson, Eddie Forkerway and Bobby Duncan.

The punting is acceptable with Jerry Walker (41.1 average) returning, but the placement game is up for grabs.

In common with a squad in the process of rebuilding after several lean years, UTEP is shy on manpower and experience.

Not only does Michaels have 20 letterman back from a 1-10 team, but also, he had only 55 players out for spring football.

With that lack of depth, he faces all eight WAC present or future opponents, plus long-time rival Arizona State, Air Force Academy, North Texas State and New Mexico State.

HAWAII—Coach Dick Tomey has one year to prepare for competition as a full-fledged member of the Western Athletic Conference, but in the one year he's been on the job, the Roaring Rainbows have made marked improvement.

Last year, even without Tomey's staff handling the spring practice, the Rainbows improved their predicted 2-9 record to 5-6 and Tomey has developed a strong freshman program in building for the future.

He has several things in his favor, like nine of the 11 games in Aloha Stadium in Honolulu and 41 lettermen returning, including 16 starters.

Included in the quality freshmen recruited for the fall are 23 rookies, which is a change from Hawaii recruiting of "instant transfers" who could compete without establishing a year of residence as required by NCAA by-laws.

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MIKE ARVANETIS, 6-4, 230-pounder, returns as senior linebacker at Hawaii.

Interior offensive linemen returning include starting tackles Tom Clark (6-6, 245) and Jon Scheible (6-2 and 240); guards Greg McElroy (6-2, 230) and Jack Wright (6-1, 225) and center Kevin Scullion (6-1, 235).

Receivers include starters DeWayne Jett, Walt Little and Jeff Cabral who are solid, although Cabral is coming off knee surgery, while the tight ends may be among the better corps in college football.

Starter Mike Jackson (6-6, 225) Jerry Scanlan (6-6 and 240) and Dave Barbour are solid players at tight end.

Running backs are headed by Wilbert Haslip, George Bell and Keith Hilla along with redshirt Radford Park allows Tomey to claim "this is the only position where we have numbers and quality."

Three outstanding quarterbacks are led by Jeff Duva who passed for 1487 yards at a 53 percent completion rate.

Mike Stennis, who lettered for the second time last fall, and red shirt Blane Gaison, who was rated the best prep quarterback in the state two years ago, will be pushing Duva.

Among the 19 defensive lettermen are seven starters, with Tom

Tuinei (6-4, 250) who seems destined to be one of the best linemen produced in Hawaii. He's a tackle and will be paired with Gary Spotts (6-5, 245-pound senior).

Mike Arvanetis (6-4, 230) has been moved from outside to inside linebacker and may be ready for national recognition.

The defensive secondary has a lot of experience and the key may be whether Tom Knight can make up academic deficiencies in the spring and summer. Other starters are Keoni Jardine and Burton Coloma.

Kicking is solid with Greg Cummins, who averaged 41.6 yards last year when Hawaii ranked high nationally in net punting.

The Rainbows play in the 50,000-seat Aloha stadium and with nine home games, Hawaii needs to be a winner to keep building its program and fan appeal.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS—A Division II powerhouse for the last five seasons with a 45-13 record, the Rebels have two years—among other requirements for WAC membership (July, 1980)—to develop a major schedule of opponents.

It only took one year, with Coach Tony Knap's team facing nine "majors" this fall, including Washington State in the opener.

With 49 lettermen and 16 starters returning Knap prepared for the step-up by bringing in 10 junior college transfers in the spring, in addition to the best recruiting year in UN-LV's brief history.

Returning offensive starters are receiver Brian Harris, left tackle Mike Evans (6-5, 270), center Mickey Simonton, right guard Greg Spencer, tight ends Cleveland Jackson and Eric Anderson, fullback Brian Cobb and flanker Henry (Varoom) Vereen.

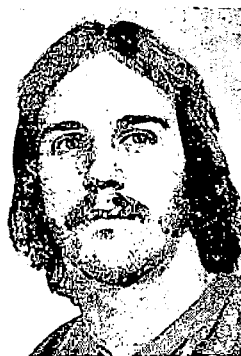
Defensive starters are left end Ira Carter, left tackle Craig Silverman, right tackle Randy Rizo, (6-0, 250), right end Russ Strecker, left linebacker George Sherwood, middle linebackers Bob Rather and Doug Smith¹, cornerback Aaron Mitchell, safeties Larry Jordan and Dan Budak and free safety Pat Cason.

The transfers include four offensive linemen, four running backs, one tight end and one linebacker. The top linemen are tackle Brent Bainbridge, guards Tim Hart and Mark Moiseyev and center Dennis Luppens. Runners are Bobby Batton, Artis Carhee, Donald Russell and Leon Walker.

Harris and Vereen led the receivers in 1977 with Harris snagging 45 for 663 yards and Vereen 31 for 629 yards. Vereen also led in kick off returns with a 20.4 return.

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BRIAN HARRIS, left, led Nevada-Las Vegas pass catchers last year and HENRY VEREEN was next best.





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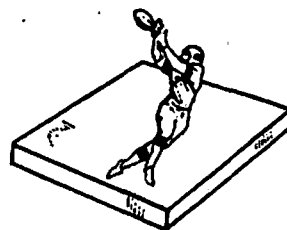
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INDEPENDENTS

AIR FORCE ACADEMY—Bill Parcells is just the third head football coach in the history of the Air Force Academy, and the former defensive coordinator at Texas Tech faces a major rebuilding project as Ben Martin's replacement.

The Falcons return 34 lettermen from the 2-8-1 season but only nine were starters, which forced a rebuilding of the offensive line in particular.

Only senior Gerry Smith at center started last year, although both reserve tackles, Mac McCausland and Pat Meagher, started some games. The reserve guards, Mike Coddington and Larry Hoffman, also lettered.

The bright spots are Junior Quarterback Dave Ziebart and senior Linebacker Tom Foertsch.

Ziebart led in total offense (1735 yards), completed 140 of 298 passes for 1562 yards and

eight touchdowns, and rushed 143 times for a net 173 yards.

Senior Russ Rosebush and soph Scott Schafer make the quarterbacking solid.

Foertsch, a 6-0, 203-pound senior, will become the Falcons' all-time leader in tackles this season. In two years he has been credited with 163 and 184 tackles, including 25 against Notre Dame in the final game of the season.

Under Coach Martin, the Air Force fielded a potent passing attack, and with Ziebart throwing and flanker Steve Hoog, last year's top receiver, back, along with two-year letterman Scott Jensen at tight end, and Willie Jones moving from flanker to split end, the air arm should be strong again.

In addition to Ziebart at quarter, the Falcons return Shelby Ball at tailback.

Ball was the second leading rusher with 65 carries for 256 net yards. Senior Dan Hoida, reserve tailback, lugged 41 times for 152 yards.

Both fullbacks were graduated but letterman Steve Drewnowski (5-11 and 200) probably will fill the gap.

Parcell has experience to make the defense a stronger factor in the program.

Two defensive starters at tackle are junior Ryan Williams and senior Bill Travnick, with 87 and 105 tackles, respectively, in 1977. Travnick was a middle guard much of last year but was switched in the spring.

Senior letterman Tim Fyda is another middle guard who was moved to end to give experience to the only line spots lacking veteran players.

Mike Malkovich, a junior, has experience at the defensive end spot along with Tom Morris and Kory Cornum, reserves last year.

With Foertsch at linebacker is senior Mike Cerise, who started some last year. This is a question mark spot in depth.

The defensive backs are experienced with starters Tim Hoy and Robert Chandler at the safeties. Senior Ron Pointer is solid at cornerback and Dale Reed lettered as a reserve cornerback last year.

The field goal has been an inte-

gral part of the Falcon arsenal for years, and in soph Terry Harris, the AFA has a kicker who converted 10 to 11 extra points and four of nine field goals, the longest 42 yards.

Another 1977 frosh, Scott Schafer, handled the punting last year with a 37.5 average, with his longest 64 yards.

Depth will pose a problem again for the Falcon coaches, but the 34 returning lettermen include 25 of the top 44 players of a year ago.

NORTHERN COLORADO—Coach Bob Blasi can find some sunshine even in the first losing season in 12 years for the Bears—the five knee injuries which required surgery and contributed to the 3-7 season also gave several youngsters valuable playing experience.

One of the knee victims, fullback Darrell Scott, missed the last four games of 1977, still was third-leading rusher.

Tailback Mike Reilly, a starter late in the season, returns. He led the club in rushing as a frosh, while another soph-to-be, Ken Garbe, rushed for 100 yards against Eastern New Mexico.

The quarterbacking has a new challenger in Jeff Knapple who transferred from the U. of Colorado, where he was the leading passer in the Big-8 Conference. He'll battle squadman Jack See and transfer Frank Boyce.

Tim Stockman returns at center as the lone interior lineman back and he's one of the knee casualties from a year ago.

The receivers are headed by split end Mark McDaniel, who set a one-season receiving record for UNC last year, and one of Knapple's team mates from Colorado U., Steve Gaunty, who also transferred.

Defensively, 12 players with experience return, headed by safety Bill Boatman, who had five interceptions, and linebacker Darwin Kiselich, second in tackles with 116.

Two transfers from the U. of Michigan joined the squad in the spring and 6-3, 220-pound linebacker Ron Pratl and 6-4, 240-pound tackle Jeff Bednarek will help.

Big Sky

By John Blanchette

Youthful sports reporter who has switched to the Billings Montana Gazette, continues as Big Sky conference gridiron expert.



BOBCATS HAVE SCHEDULE EDGE OVER LUMBERJACKS BUT BEWARE SLEEPING BRONCOS

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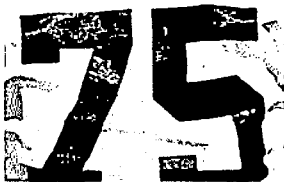
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Of course, as far as Joe Sixpack can figure out, it's just another new outfit with playoffs that run until the Fourth of July. And if Roman numerals are involved, it must have something to do with the Olympics.

Which is just the type of Looney Tunes setting the Big Sky always gets stuck in. Not to belabor the point, but why else would:

—A scheduling snafu deprive the 1977 league champ (Boise State) of a trip to the post-season playoffs, leaving the runnerup (Northern Arizona) in charge of the store (which promptly got knocked over by Jacksonville State)?



RICK VANCLEEVE is star defensive tackle for Montana State gridgers.

DELMAR JONES (12), from Montana State, paced the Big Sky rushers in '77.



—Three teams play under cover in domed stadiums, turning the Big Sky into the No Sky?

—The coach who took Montana State to the 1976 Division II championship call it quits a year later—not to move on to the Big Time, but just to do something else, at age 40?

—A quarterback who ranked second in the league in total offense in 1976 decide that his future was in a saddle instead of shoulder pads as a rodeo cowboy?

—Idaho State, which has a tough enough schedule as it is, get a real break like playing its opener against Utah State at a neutral site—like Osaka, Japan?

And, finally, just who is Joe Salem and why are they saying those terrible things about him?

Well, Joe Salem is the dean of Big Sky coaches, having survived all of three seasons at Northern Arizona—quite beautifully, thank

you, what with a 17-6 record over the past two seasons after a rebuilding year.

And the terrible things are hush-hush, off-the-record stuff like NAU being the title favorite because 18 starters return.

Why is that so terrible?

"Well, two years ago we picked Idaho State and it cost Joe Pascale his job when they didn't win," explains one coach. "And last year we picked Montana State and Sonny Holland wound up quitting. We're not saying anything this year."

Publicly. Privately, the word is NAU has the horses—and the Lumberjacks do, along with a schedule that sends them on four 1000 mile trips—including stops at Montana State, Montana and Idaho.

Montana State has nearly as many starters back and a friendlier schedule (two crucial league

games, NAU and Boise, are at home). But Holland stepped into a position in the MSU administration, and it's up to Sonny Lubick to make things work in Bozeman.

Boise State's Broncos, whose high-powered passing teams of another era have been supplanted by more balanced ballclubs, may repeat if Jim Criner can shore up his interior lines.

This year's sleepers are Weber State, a longtime doormat which made great strides in Pete Riehlman's first year, and Montana, which returns 15 starters but has trouble winning close ones, as a last-place '77 finish indicated.

Idaho and Idaho State are transition teams. The Vandals have a new coach, Jerry Davitch taking over for Ed Troxel, and the old killer schedule. The Bengals' Bud Hake salvaged a 3-8 record last year, but will start over with a roster half-filled with freshmen.

MONTANA STATE—It's still a Sonny in Bozeman, but it's not Sonny Holland, who guided the Bobcats to the 1976 national title.

Instead, Sonny Lubick, a Holland lieutenant, will start his ninth year at MSU as the new head man. And he'll do it with 15 starters back from a team that finished 6-4 after a 5-1 start.

Nine of those starters are on defense, including cornerback Ron Muri, who wangled an extra year of eligibility. With Jim Jannunen and Jim Mickelson also returning, Lubick has just one spot to accommodate hopefuls Stu Dodds, Terry Bladow and Mike McLeod.

He's got that same "problem" up front—only end Dan Ueland is

gone from a line that includes the Big Sky's best tackle twosome, Rick Kelsic (6-2, 230) and Rick Vancleeve (6-3, 245). And the two linebackers, Mark DeVore and Brian McFaul, have all-league potential.

Three starting linemen and a jewel of a tight end, Ron McCullough, have departed on offense, but Lubick might worry more about beefing up a pass attack that averaged just 70 yards a game, easily the league's worst.

He'll have to get more consistent play from senior quarterback Paul Dennehy, all-league as a sophomore. The targets—Scott Quittum, Mark McGrath, Jeff Muri and the apparent heir at tight end, Butch Damberger—could blossom with extra work.

Delmar Jones, the league's leading rusher with 1050 yards, and Scott Hoard (606 yards) give the Cats two fine tailbacks, with Jeff Losett the best bet at fullback.

MSU must rebuild the forward wall, but the makings are there. Jon Borchardt (6-5, 240) was an honorable mention All-America, and Jeff Conley (6-2, 235) started for two years before a knee injury shelved him last season.

NORTHERN ARIZONA—Joe Salem can count on one hand the positions he must fill—but don't think both hands won't be full doing it.

Who's gone? Just a two-time All-America (guard Larry Friedrichs), last year's top NCAA kick scorer (Tom Jurich, also the punter), quarterback Herb Daniel, plus two top defenders, cornerback Cleveland Dansby (who blocked 10 kicks) and tackle A.J. Brill, who left school.

That still leaves 18 starters back from a 9-3 team that reached the playoffs but didn't win the Big Sky, prompting Salem to note, "We haven't run into any complacency yet."

The key may be quarterback, where Daniel "got by more with knowledge than anything else," says Salem, who can turn to backup Robbin Jones or JC transfer Bill Holst, "a very heady, smart player—a lot like Herb."

NAU's top running backs—Carl Golden (704 yards), Allan Clark

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CARL GOLDEN, left, leads NAU's offense; ED HIGHTOWER top DE.



(665) and Willard Reaves (401)—return, as do receivers Ken Fraser (33 catches, 636 yards), Tyrone Peterson (31 for 636) and tight end James Collins.

On the line, Salem has plans to move Bob Orrill (6-4, 235) from tackle to Friedrichs' spot, hoping soph Mike Cheap comes through. They'll join Rodger Carbone (6-7, 275), like Orrill a four-year starter, Mike Santiago (6-2, 230) and either Ted Kawulok or Jim Delaney.

NAU led the league in defense, but could use improvement against the pass. Dan Anders should fill Brill's shoes, joining brother Jim, Neal Higginson, Ed Hightower and Ed Judie on the league's stingiest front against the rush.

Jerry Lumpkin could be the Big Sky's best linebacker and has an able companion in Phil Cancik. They're backed by the Smiths, two-time all-leaguer Harold and Ray, who is shifting from strong safety to Dansby's corner spot opposite Joe Walker. Ron Mitchell will be the safety, moving over from tight end.

BOISE STATE—Balance was Jim Criner's objective when he came to Boise two seasons ago.

He got it—and the Broncos got back in a familiar saddle as Big Sky champions, where they'd ridden for three seasons before a 5-5-1 1976 mark.

Now, he faces a patchwork chore on both lines to make sure the balance is being able to move the ball and stop other teams rather than offensive impotence and defensive incompetence.

Just one veteran returns on the offensive line, but Criner calls center Mark Villano (6-1, 230) the best in the Big Sky. For help, there's JC imports Carl Allen (6-3, 240), Rene Buckner and Bill Roberds.

Hoskin Hogan (1565 yards passing) is the quarterback, once and for all, now that Dee Pickett has opted for rodeoing over roll-outs, and though the Broncos lost Terry Hutt (56 catches, 1032 yards), they're in good hands with Lonnie Hughes (36 for 664) and Lance LaShelle.

Boise got 1859 yards out of

freshmen backs Cedric Minter, Terry Zahner and David Hughes last season, with Fred Goode adding another 584. Only Zahner, who broke a bone in his foot, may not be available.

Linebacking will be Boise's defensive strength—three of four starters, Willie Beamon, Bob Macauley and Larry Polowski, return.

Two-year starters Nash Balinton and Sam Miller anchor the secondary, while junior holdovers Doug Scott (6-3, 230) and Dennis Brodin (6-5, 230) and JC recruits Bob Cabrera (6-1, 240) and Willie Tufano (235) bolster the line.

WEBER STATE—A 4-6 season doesn't generally inspire superlatives, but Pete Riehlman's first year at the Wildcat helm was a marked improvement upon the 3-18-1 disaster years of 1975-76.

And the Wildcats lost four games in the final four minutes—indicative, as much as anything else, of inexperience.

They certainly didn't lack the tools. Morris Bledsoe was the Big Sky's passing leader (1895 yards, 53 percent) and returns, as do a host of huge linemen (average: 245 pounds). Lyle Bauer (6-3, 245) tops the returnees; Keith Bolack (6-3, 226) and Rodney Harrison are the best imports.

Gone is leading receiver Tommy Coleman (34 catches, 638 yards) and running back Mark Billmire (567 yards), both All-Big Sky. But there are receivers aplenty, including tight end Kent Critchlow (33 for 429) and Scott Thomas (30 for 596). And the backfield, led by Eric Hill, will be bolstered by six recruits.

Defensively, the Wildcats improved from last in the league to fifth in '77, but Riehlman will have to work some magic to better that. But if a pass rush can be found, Weber could repeat as pass defense leaders, as three secondary starters return, including leading interceptor Dennis Duncanson (10 swipes) and Doug Battershill.

Leading tackler Tim Evans is back at linebacker, where Riehlman uncovered a gem in Ray Franklin. A starting offensive tackle last year, Franklin has

beefed up to 6-3, 236 and made the switch to defense. But the line is an unknown commodity, with JC transfers Bob Ah Sue (232) and John Houser being counted on for help.

MONTANA—It has been almost a decade since a Grizzly team had been relegated to the Big Sky's lowest cloud—and cellar-dwelling didn't sit well with Gene Carlson.

So, although 15 starters returned, Carlson went to the JC marketplace for nine ripe products—including six offensive linemen to go with the lone holdover starter, guard Guy Bingham (6-2, 230), and lettermen Tim Hook (235) and Mike Bryant (250).

But Montana's quarterback quandary hasn't been solved. Operations for Mike Roban (shoulder) and Tim Kerr (knee), who haggled over the job last year, kept them out of spring drills, and Roban may not return for his senior season. What's more, soph Rocky Klever and junior walk-on Bob Boyes have starting credentials.

Monty Bullerdick (1022 yards), Grant Kleckner (415) and Greg Bitar (352) form a strong backfield, and record-setting receiver Vern Kelly (42 catches, 539 yards) also returns. Tight end Allen Green (22 for 329) is 6-3, 230 pounds of talent—and just a junior.

The Grizzlies were second in total defense and nine starters on that side return, including a loaded secondary that rewrote the records with eight interceptions against Portland State. Ed Cerkovnik, just a part-time starter, got four of those and Kelly John-

MONTY BULLERDICK, left, VERN KELLY help make Grizzlies tough.



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son three, but cornerbacks Greg Dunn and Scot Ferda may be the best of the bunch.

All four linebackers—including second-team all-leaguers Dave Gleason and Scott Morton—are back, and so is Steve Fisher (6-4, 240), who ranks with MSU's Kelsic and Vancleeve as the top Big Sky linemen.

IDAHO—Good slogans are hard to come by, and if Idaho's—"There's a new team in town" tack isn't dynamic, it's revealing.

The Vandals have a new president, athletic director and head coach—the coach being Jerry Davitch, a former Air Force assistant. UI also has a new outlook—call it realism—and dropped down to Division I-AA, hoping eventually to rid itself of the scheduling albatross that turned so many good Big Sky-level Vandal teams to mush before they ever reached conference play.

This year, however, will still be a struggle. The Vandals open with San Jose, Washington State and Wichita State—all on the road. Then there's the home opener against Northern Arizona, and back on the road to Nevada-Las Vegas and Montana.

But the schedule is only half of Davitch's problems. Just nine starters return, and the interiors could use a whole lot of redecorating.

The Vandals do, however, have speed at the skill positions. Quarterback Rocky Tuttle, halfback Tim Lappano (846 yards) and redshirt Robert Brooks (770 in '76) might be the quickest backfield in the league. Receivers Kirk Allen (31 catches, 545 yards), Rick Mayfield and Mike Hagadone are all capable.

Two big blockers—Larry Coombs (6-4, 240) and Tom Randel (6-5, 240)—are returning starters, but a late start on recruiting hurt Idaho here as well as on the defensive line, where massive junior Steve Parker (6-7, 260) is the lone returning starter and Robert Collins (6-4, 240) the other quality player.

Robert Cafferty (6-4, 220) is the holdover starter at linebacker but has able help in Dan Cozzetto and

Chris Eads, among others. The secondary, led by Rick Linehan (five interceptions), may be a pleasant surprise if JC finds Ron Jessie and Ron Powell come through.

IDAHO STATE—You'd figure if Bud Hake, a former junior college coach, needed immediate help, he'd pass out his grants-in-aid to the two-year grads. Resist that assumption.

Hake hooked 40 freshmen instead—and as a result had just 41 bodies out for spring ball, which made for a minimum of scrimmaging. Nevertheless, he spotted improvement in the passing department, where Mick Spoon and Dirk Koetter are sparing for the starting QB job.

Fullbacks Kevin Wellard and Bruce Bachmeier missed the spring sessions after surgery, but both should be ready along with tailback Eddie McGill (801 yards). Greg Smith, Wally Kelly and Brad Boudreau are the wide receivers, and JC import (one of four) Kevin Vernoy (6-4, 205) could be a find at tight end.

Warren Whitaker (6-3, 245) is the best of the offensive line holdovers, while JC recruits Bob Ryan (6-3, 235) and Bob Laing provide help.

But more help is needed in the defensive line, where the two leading down linemen, Joe Stockwell and Lance Massey, are just sophomores.

Neal Richardson, Don Schroeder and Greg Langford are veteran linebackers, and Brett Hermandollar, Bob Matsey, Mike Allison and Sonny Booker patrol the secondary.

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ARIZONA STATE Tempe 9-2		Pacific ★ ● F	Brigham Young 24-13 ★ ● F	Washington State (Spokane) + F	Tex. El Paso 66-3 ★ ● F	Northwestern 35-3 F	Southern California ★ + ● U		Washington + U	California ★ + ● F	Stanford ★ + ● F	Oregon State 33-31 + F	Arizona 23-7 + ● F
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DAVIDSON 4-6 North Carolina		Fordham 20-17 *	Washington & Lee 42-14	Wofford 21	Bucknell 12-44 * U	Randolph-Macon 49-7	Lehigh 7-43 U	Hampton-Sydney 20-24	Gulford (Charlotte) 31-0 F	Farman + U	Lafayette 18-20 * F		
DAYTON 8-3 Ohio	Liberty Bapt. Sept. 1 * +	Maine F	Otterbein * + F	Butler 45-13 * +	Miami (O) 23-20 * + T	Ashland	East Kentucky 20-13 * T	Fordham	Central (O) 27-14 *	Ferris State 45-19	St. Norbert *		
DELAWARE 9-3-1 Newark		Rhode Island * F	West Chester 17-15 * F	West Illinois * F	Temple 3-0 * F	Lehigh + F	N.C. A&T * F	Middle Tenn. 60-7 F	Citadel 23-7 F	Maine * F	Villanova 16-33 * F	Colgate 21-3 * F	
DRAKE 2-9 Des Moines, Iowa	Arlington * U	South Illinois 13-9 * +	Temple 0-42 * U	Arkansas State 29-31 * U	Iowa State U	Wichita State 17-47 * + U	Indiana State 20-23 * U	Tulsa 23-33 + U	New Mex. St. 9-33 + U	West. Tex. St. 7-31 * + U	Long Beach 10-27 * U		
DUKE 5-6 Durham, N.C.		Georgia Tech 23-24 * U		South Carolina 25-21 * F	Michigan 9-21 U	Virginia 31-7 * + F	U 28-16 U	Clemson 11-17 + U	Clemson 13-31 * + U	Tennessee U	Wake Forest 33-14 * + F	North Carolina State 35-37 + U	North Carolina 3-10 + U
EAST CAROLINA UNIV. 8-3 Greenville, N.C.	Western Carolina * + F	North Carolina State 28-23 * U	North Carolina U	Southwestern Louisiana 7-0 * F	Arlington * + F	Virginia Military 14-13 U	Southern Mississippi * T	Richmond (Norfolk, Va.) 35-14 F	Appalachian 45-14 * + F	William & Mary 17-21 * F	Marshall * + F		
EASTERN KENTUCKY 5-5 Richmond			Troy State	Eastern Tennessee 38-34 * +	Austin Peay 17-20 * + U	Middle Tennessee 10-0 * F	Dayton 13-20 T	Western Kentucky 35-10 + F	Murray State 20-21 * + F	Tennessee Tech 28-21 + U	Akron * T	Morehead State 42-13 * + F	
EASTERN MICHIGAN 8-3 Ypsilanti	North Michigan F	Ohio Univ. 31-14 + F	Bowling Green 16-6 * + F	Indiana State * + F	Toledo 17-7 * + F		Akron 42-28 * F	Western Michigan + F	Ball State 21-45 * + U	Central Michigan 3-9 * + U	Illinois State 41-28 F		
EL PASO 1-10 Texas	North Texas State 10-41 * U	Air Force Academy * + U	New Mexico State 23-21 * U	San Diego State 7-49 * + U	Arizona State 3-68 * U	Colorado State 31-40 + U		Briz. Young 19-68 * + U	New Mexico 17-33 * + U	Hawaii * U	Utah 17-29 * + U	Las Vegas F	Wyoming 17-27 * + U
FLORIDA 6-4-1 Gainesville			Southern Methodist (Orlando) * T		Mississippi State 24-22 * + U	Louisiana State 14-36 * + U	Alabama + U	Army * U	Georgia Tech U	Auburn 14-29 * + U	Georgia (Jacksonville) 22-17 * U	Kentucky 7-14 + U	Florida State 9-37 * U Miami (Fla.) Dec. 2 31-14 * U
FLORIDA STATE 9-2 Tallahassee		Syracuse T	Oklahoma State 25-17 * + F	Miami (Fla.) 17-23 * F	Houston * + F	Cincinnati 14-0 * + F	Mississippi State F	Pittsburgh U	Southern Mississippi 35-0 F		Virginia Tech 23-21 * + F	Navy * + F	Florida 37-0 * + F
FRESNO STATE 0-2 Calif.		McNeese State * F	Weber State * + F	Utah State F	C. P. Olispo 52-3 * + F	San Diego State 34-14 * + U	U. of Pacific 34-10 * + F	San Jose State 45-24 * + F	Fullerton 44-19 * + F	Long Beach 23-14 * + F	Montana State 14-24 * + F	Idaho * F	
FURMAN 4-5-3 Greenville, S.C.		South Carolina * U	Carson-Newman * + F	Vanderbilt * U	Appalachian 28-20 * U	Wofford 7-13 * +	East Tenn. 42-12	Chattanooga 17-7 * + U	Marshall 42-24 + F	Davidson * + F	West Carolina 24-24 + U	Citadel 3-10 * + U	
GEORGIA 5-6 Athens			Baylor * U	Clemson 6-7 * U	South Carolina 15-13 * F	Mississippi 14-13 * + U	Louisiana State * + U	Vanderbilt 24-13 * + F	Kentucky 0-33 * + U	Virginia Military * F	Florida (Jacksonville) 17-22 + F	Auburn 14-33 + U	Georgia Tech Dec. 3 7-16 * U
GEORGIA TECH 6-5 Atlanta		Duke 24-25 F	California * T	Tulane 38-14 * F	Citadel * F	South Carolina 0-17 * F	Miami (Fla.) 10-6 * F	Auburn 28-21 F	Florida * F	Air Force Academy 20-3 F	Notre Dame 14-69 * U	Georgia Dec. 2 16-7 F	
GRAMBLING 10-1 Louisiana		Alcorn State (Shreveport) 42-17 + F			Prarie View 70-7 + F	Tenn. State (Shreveport) 8-26	Mississippi Valley 42-21 + F	Jackson State 34-7 * + U	Texas Southern 28-14 * + F	Longston (Okla. City) 65-0	South Carolina State * U		Southern U. (New Orleans) 55-20 + F
HARVARD 4-5 Cambridge, Mass.				Columbia 21-7 * + F	Massachusetts 0-17 * F	Colgate 21-38 * T	Cornell 17-7 * + F	Dartmouth 31-25 * + F	Princeton 7-20 + F	Brown 15-20 * + U	Pennsylvania 34-15 + U	Yale 7-24 * + U	

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HAWAII Honolulu 5-0		New Mexico 26-35 ★●U		Nebraska U	Fullerton ★●F	San Jose State 14-34 ★●F	Las Vegas ●F		U. of Pacific 7-37 ★●F	Tex. El Paso ★●U	New Mexico State ★●F	Wyoming ★●U	Brigham Young So. California Dec. 2 ★●U
HOWARD UNIV. Washington, D.C. 5-5			Maryland- East Shore 15-0 +F	South Carolina State 16-41 ★●U	Florida A&M 6-28 ●	Delaware State 0-18 ★●U	Virginia State 33-0 F	North Carolina A&T 10-34 ★U	Hampton Institute 20-14 F	Southern Univ. 36-16 F	North Carolina Central 30-0 ★●F	Morgan State 24-33 ★●F	
HOLY CROSS Worcester, Mass. 2-9		New Hampshire 14-27 ★F	Colgate 14-31 U	Air Force Academy U	Dartmouth 14-17 ★T		Army 7-45 U		Brown 13-44 U	Boston Univ. 13-14 U	Massachusetts 6-25 ★U	Rutgers ★U	Connecticut 14-3 Boston Col. Dec. 2 35-20 U
HOUSTON Texas 0-5			Memphis State ●F	Utah 84-16 ★●F	Florida State ●U	Baylor 23-24 +F	Texas A&M 7-27 ★●U	Southern Methodist 23-37 +F	Arkansas 0-34 ★●U	Texas Christian 42-14 ★●F	Texas 21-35 ★U		Texas Tech 45-7 Rice Dec. 2 51-21 ★●F
IDAHO Moscow 3-8		San Jose State ●U	Washington State 17-45 U	Wichita State ●U	Northern Arizona ★●U	Las Vegas 21-35 ●T	Montana 31-20 +U	Montana State 17-6 ★●U	Weber State 27-30 ★●U	Boise State 14-44 +U	Idaho State 14-34 ★●F	Fresno State ★●U	
IDAHO STATE Pocatello 3-8	Utah State (Japan) Sept. 8 7-35 ●U	Utah ●U	Northern Arizona 7-28 ★●U	Portland State 0-47 ★●U		Northern Colorado T	Montana State 0-31 +U	Montana 15-17 ★●U	Boise State 7-31 ★●U	Weber State 21-18 +U	Idaho 34-14 ●U	Reno 0-35 ★●U	
ILLINOIS Champaign 3-8		Northwestern 7-21 ★●F	Michigan 9-37 +U	Stanford 24-37 ★U	Syracuse 20-30 U	Missouri 11-7 T	Wisconsin 0-26 ★●U	Purdue 29-22 ★●U	Indiana 21-7 +U	Michigan State 20-49 ★●U	Ohio State 0-35 +U	Minnesota 0-21 +U	
INDIANA 5-5-1 Bloomington			Louisiana State 24-21 ●U	Washington ★U	Nebraska 18-31 ★U	Wisconsin 14-20 +F	Northwestern 28-3 ★●F	Michigan State 18-18 +U	Illinois 7-21 ★●F	Minnesota 34-22 +F	Iowa 24-21 ★●F	Ohio State 7-35 ★●U	Purdue 21-10 +F
INDIANA STATE Terre Haute 3-7		New Mexico State ★●U	Western Illinois ★●	Eastern Michigan ●U	Louisville 16-27 ●U	Ball State 18-42 U	Drake 23-20 ★●F	West Texas State 20-31 ★●U	Northeast Louisiana U	Southern Illinois 14-9 ★●F	Illinois State 20-10 U	Wichita State 14-41 ★●U	
IOWA Iowa City 4-7			Northwestern 24-0 ★●F	Iowa State 13-10 ★F	Arizona 7-41 ●U	Utah ★F	Minnesota 18-6 +U	Ohio State 6-27 +U	Purdue 21-34 ★●U	Michigan 6-23 ★●U	Indiana 21-34 +U	Wisconsin 24-8 ★●F	Michigan State 16-23 +U
IOWA STATE Ames 8-3		Rice ●F	San Diego State ★T	Iowa 10-12 U	Drake ★F	Nebraska 24-21 ★●U	Missouri 7-0 +F	Oklahoma 16-35 ★●U	Kansas 41-3 +F	Kansas State 22-15 ★●F	Oklahoma State 21-13 +F	Colorado 7-12 +U	
KANSAS 3-7-1 Lawrence		Texas A&M 14-28 ★U	Washington U	UCLA 7-17 ★U	Miami (Fla.) 7-14 ★U	Colorado 17-17 +U	Oklahoma 6-24 ★●U	Oklahoma State 0-31 +F	Iowa State 3-41 ★●U	Nebraska 7-52 ★●U	Kansas 24-22 +U	Kansas State 20-21 +F	
KANSAS STATE Manhattan 1-10		Arizona ●U	Auburn ★U	Tulsa ●U	Air Force ★U	Oklahoma State 14-21 ★●F	Nebraska 9-26 +U	Missouri 13-28 ★●U	Oklahoma 7-42 +U	Iowa State 15-22 +U	Colorado 0-23 ★●U	Kansas 21-29 ★●U	
KENT STATE Ohio 6-5		Central Mich. 10-49 +U	Ball State 13-12 +U	Illinois State 33-14 ★F	Ohio Univ. 44-23 ★●U	West Michigan 20-16 ★●F	Bowling Green 10-14 +F	Marshall ★F	Air Force U	North Illinois 18-21 +F	Miami (O) 0-25 +U	Toledo 23-12 ★●F	
KENTUCKY 10-1 Lexington			South Carolina ●F	Baylor 6-21 ★F	Maryland F	Penn State 24-20 ★●U	Mississippi +F	Louisiana State 33-13 ★●F	Georgia 33-0 ★●F	Virginia Tech 32-0 F	Vanderbilt 28-6 ★●F	Florida 14-7 ★●F	Tennessee 21-17 +F
KINGS POINT (Merch. Marine) New York 8-6		Coast Guard 10-6 ★	Albany State ★	Lafayette 6-33	American Int. ★	C. W. Post 0-16 ★		Hofstra 14-17	Fordham	N.Y. Tech 31-13 ★	Rhode Island 3-27	Wagner 23-0 ★	
LAFAYETTE 5-6 Easton, Pa.		Gettysburg 22-3 ★F	Army 6-42 U	Kings Point 33-6 ★	Columbia 10-21 U	Fordham 41-23 ★	Bucknell 34-7 +U	Pennsylvania 7-42 ★U	Maine 10-12 F	Colgate 12-38 U	Davidson 20-18 U	Lehigh 17-35 ★●U	
LAMAR U. Beaumont, Tex. 3-0		N.W. Louisiana 0-43 ●	South Illinois 5-0 ★●F	S.F. Austin ★●F	S.W. Louisiana 6-10 ●●U	N.E. Louisiana 21-7 ★●F	West Texas 9-27 ●U	Arlington 7-14 ★●U		Louisiana Tech 6-23 ●●U	McNeese State 35-7 ★●U	Arkansas State 6-10 +U	Long Beach 7-21 ★●U
LEHIGH Bethlehem, Pa. 0-2		West Chester ★F	Sloopy Rock F	Colgate ★U	Pennsylvania Sept. 29 19-7 ●U	Delaware ★●U	Davidson 43-7 ★F	V.M.I. 30-20 U	Bucknell 47-13 ★●F	C.W. Post 38-10 ★F	Maine F	Lafayette 33-17 +F	
LONG BEACH Calif. 4-6		Southwest Louisiana ●	Boise State ●U			U. of Pacific 7-22 ●●F	Northern Illinois ★●F	Utah State U	Fullerton 50-31 ★●F	San Diego St. 22-33 ★●U	Fresno State 14-23 ●●U		Lamar 21-7 San Jose Dec 2 16-33 F
LOUISIANA STATE UNIV. Baton Rouge 6-3			Indiana 21-24 ★●U	Wake Forest ★●F	Rice 77-0 ●F	Florida 38-14 ●●F	Georgia ★●F	Kentucky 13-33 ●●U		Mississippi 28-21 ★●F	Alabama (Birmingham) 3-24 +U	Mississippi State (Jackson) 27-24 ★F	Tulane 20-17 Worming 66-7 ★●F
LOUISIANA TECH 8-1-2 Ruston			Chattanooga ★●T	Arlington 34-12 ●●U	McNeese State 14-7 ★●F	Southwest Louisiana 21-21 ●●F	Ball State ★●F	N.W. Louisiana (Shreveport) 20-8 ●	North Texas (Shreveport) 14-41 ●U	Lamar 23-6 ★●F	Arkansas State 20-7 ★●F	Northeast Louisiana 20-0 F	
LOUISVILLE Kentucky 7-3-1		So. Dakota St. ★●	Maryland ★●U	Cincinnati 17-17 ●U	Indiana State 27-16 ★●F	Tulsa 33-0 ●T	N.W. Louisiana ★●	Boston Univ. ★●U	Wm. & Mary 7-21 ★U	Wichita State 51-21 U	Memphis State 14-13 ★U	South Miss. ●U	
MAINE Orono 3-7		Dartmouth ★U	Boston Univ. 20-23 +U	Massachusetts 0-28 ★●U	Central Conn. 45-20 F	Rhode Island 0-28 ★●U	N. Hampshire 7-54 +U	Connecticut 9-7 +F	Lafayette 12-10 ★U	Delaware U	Lehigh ★U	Northeastern 20-47 U	
MARSHALL 3-0 Huntington W. Va.		Toledo 24-0 ●F	Appalachian 24-23 ★●U	Chattanooga 20-37 ★●U	West Carolina 26-41 ●●U	Citadel +U	Miami (O) 18-29 ★U	Kent State U	Furman 24-42 ★●U	West Michigan 20-63 ★U	South Illinois F	East Carolina ●U	
MARYLAND 7-4 College Park		Tulane ★T	Louisville ●F	North Carolina 7-16 +U	Kentucky ★U	N.C. State 20-24 ★●U	Syracuse 42-10 U	Wake Forest 35-7 ★●F	Duke 31-13 +F	Penn State 9-27 U	Virginia 28-0 +F	Clemson 21-14 ★●U	
MASSACHUSETTS Amherst 8-2			Villanova ★F	Maine 28-0 +F	Harvard 17-0 U	Morgan State ★F	Boston Univ. 41-16 +F	Rhode Island 57-6 +F	Connecticut 10-0 ★●F	Rutgers ★U	Holy Cross 28-6 F	N. Hampshire 19-6 ★●F	Boston College 7-34 ★U
McNEESE 5-5-1 Lake Charles, La.		Fresno State ★●U	West Texas 20-8 ●U	N.W. Louisiana 14-7 ●F	Louisiana Tech 7-14 ●●U	Nicholls State 7-24 ★●U	N.E. Louisiana 29-7 ★●F	Arkansas St. 17-14 ●●U	Chattanooga ★●U		Lamar 7-35 ●●F	Arlington 7-24 ★●U	S.W. Louisiana 9-9 ★●U
MEMPHIS STATE Tenn. 6-6		Mississippi (Jackson) 3-7 ●U	Houston ★●U	Mississippi State 21-13 ★●T	Texas A&M U		Wichita State 28-14 ★●F	Southern Mississippi 42-14 ★●F	Tulane 27-9 ●F	Vanderbilt ★F	Louisville 13-14 F	North Texas State 19-20 ●U	Cincinnati ★F
MIAMI Florida 3-8			Colorado U	Florida State 23-17 ★●U	Kansas 14-7 F		Georgia Tech 6-10 U	Utah State ★●F	Notre Dame 10-48 U	Tulane 10-13 ●F		San Diego St. ★●T	Syracuse ★●T Florida Dec. 2 14-13 F

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MIAMI Ohio 10-1		Ball State + F	Central Michigan + F	Western Michigan 14-6 + F	Dartmouth 20-23 + F	North Carolina U	Marshall 20-10 F	Bowling Green 23-15 + F	Toledo 27-3 + F	Ohio Univ. 28-0 + F	Kent State 25-0 + F	Cincinnati 13-7 + F	
MICHIGAN Ann Arbor 10-1			Illinois 27-0 + F	Notre Dame U	Duke 21-0 + F	Arizona + F	Michigan State 24-14 + F	Wisconsin 28-0 + F	Minnesota 0-16 + F	Iowa 23-6 + F	Northwestern 28-20 + F	Purdue 40-7 + F	Ohio State 14-6 + U
MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing 7-3-1			Purdue 19-14 + F	Syracuse + F	Southern California + U	Notre Dame 6-16 + U	Michigan 14-34 + U	Indiana 13-18 + F	Wisconsin 9-7 + F	Illinois 49-20 + F	Minnesota 29-10 + F	Northwestern 44-3 + F	Iowa 23-16 + F
MINNESOTA 7-4 Minneapolis			Toledo + F	Ohio State 7-33 + U	UCLA 27-13 + U	Oregon State + F	Iowa 6-18 + F	Northwestern 12-7 + F	Michigan 16-0 + U	Indiana 23-34 + U	Michigan State 10-28 + U	Illinois 21-0 + F	Wisconsin 12-7 + F
MISSISSIPPI University, Miss. 5-6		Memphis State (Jackson) 7-3 + F		Missouri F	Southern Mississippi (Jackson) 19-27 + F	Georgia 12-14 + F	Kentucky + U	South Carolina 17-10 F	Vanderbilt 26-14 + F	Louisiana 21-28 + U	Tulane + F	Tennessee 43-14 + F	Mississippi State (Jackson) 14-18 + F
MISSISSIPPI STATE State Univ. Miss. 5-6	West Texas (Jackson) + F	North Texas (Irving, Tex.) 17-15 + U		Memphis State 19-31 + F	Florida 22-24 + F	Southern Mississippi 7-14 + F	Florida State + U		Tennessee (Memphis) + U	Alabama (Birmingham) 7-37 + U	Auburn 27-13 + U	Louisiana State (Jackson) 24-27 + U	Mississippi (Jackson) 18-14 + U
MISSOURI Columbia 4-7		Notre Dame U	Alabama + U	Mississippi + U	Oklahoma 17-21 + U	Illinois 7-11 + F	Iowa State 0-7 + U	Kansas State 23-13 + F	Colorado 24-14 + U	Oklahoma State 41-14 + F	Kansas 22-24 + F	Nebraska 10-21 + U	
MONTANA Missoula 4-6		Puget Sound 18-17 +	Portland State 40-25 + U	Northern Arizona 24-25 + U	Weber State 23-31 + U	Boise State 17-43 + U	Idaho 20-31 + F	Idaho State 17-15 + F	Las Vegas 15-15 + U	Montana State 10-24 + U	Northern Colorado 34-13 + F	San Jose State + U	
MONTANA STATE Bozeman 0-4		North Dakota 21-7	North Dakota State 24-17 +		Boise State 0-28 + F	Weber State 27-24 + F	Idaho State 31-0 + F	Idaho 6-17 + F	Northern Arizona 21-28 + F	Montana 24-10 + F	Premiere State 24-14 + F		
MORGAN STATE 4-0-1 Baltimore, Md.	Md. Eastern Shore 14-0 + F			Rhode Island + F	North Carolina Central 35-25 + F	Massachusetts U	South Carolina State 13-63 + U	Delaware State 6-20 + U	North Carolina A & T 0-28 + U	Virginia Union 9-28 + F	Virginia State 19-0 F	Howard 33-24 + U	
NAVY Annapolis, Md. 5-6			Virginia F	Connecticut 28-7 F	Boston College + U	Air Force Academy 10-7 U	Duke 16-28 + F	William & Mary 42-17 + F	Pittsburgh 17-34 + U	Notre Dame (Cleveland) 10-43 U	Syracuse 34-45 U	Florida State + U	Army Dec. 2 (Philadelphia) 14-17 + F
NEBRASKA Lincoln 0-3		California + F	Hawaii + F	Indiana 31-13 F	Iowa State 21-24 + F	Kansas State 23-9 + F	Colorado 33-15 + F	Oklahoma State 31-14 + F	Kansas 35-7 + F	Oklahoma 7-35 + U	Missouri 21-10 + F	Alabama (Birmingham) 31-24 + U	
N. HAMPSHIRE Durham 0-2		Holy Cross 27-14 U	Central Conn. 42-7 F	Boston Univ. 26-14 + F	West Chester 28-0 F	Connecticut 42-7 + F	Maine 24-7 + F	American Int. F	Northeastern 28-13 F	Rhode Island 20-21 + F	Springfield 52-7 + F	Massachusetts 6-19 + U	
NEW MEXICO Albuquerque 5-7		Hawaii 35-28 + F	Wichita State 22-17 + U	Las Vegas + F	Brk. Young 10-34 + U	Wyoming 21-23 + U	Texas Tech 14-49 + U	New Mexico State 25-13 + F	Tex.-El Paso 33-17 + F	Utah 41-24 + U	Colorado State 9-14 + U	U. of Pacific + F	San Diego State + U
NEW MEXICO STATE Las Cruces 4-7		Indiana State + F	Tex.-El Paso 21-23 + F	North Texas 17-45 + U	Southern Illinois 29-7 + F	Arlington 7-6 + F	Tulsa 24-27 + U	New Mexico 13-35 F	Wichita State 24-12 + U	Drake 35-9 + F	Hawaii + U		West Texas Nov. 22 14-17 + F
NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill 8-2-1			East Carolina + F	Maryland 16-7 + F	Pittsburgh U	Miami (O) + F	Wake Forest 24-3 + F	North Carolina State 27-14 + F	South Carolina 17-0 F	Richmond 31-0 F	Clemson 13-13 + U	Virginia 35-14 + F	Duke 16-3 + F
N. CAROLINA STATE Raleigh 7-4		East Carolina 23-28 + F	Syracuse 38-0 + F	West Virginia + F	Wake Forest 41-14 + F	Maryland 24-20 + F		North Carolina 14-27 + U	Clemson 3-7 + U	South Carolina 7-3 + F	Penn State 17-21 U	Duke 37-32 + F	Virginia 14-0 + F
NORTH DAKOTA 4-6-1 Grand Forks	Moorehead 21-18 +	Montana State 7-21 +	Eastern Michigan + F	Omaha 14-17 +	South Dakota State 6-5 +	Northern Iowa + F	Augustana 24-13 +	North Dakota State 20-45 +	South Dakota 29-0 +	Morningside 12-14 +			
NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff 9-2	North Dakota State + F	Portland State + F	Idaho State 28-7 + F	Montana 23-21 + F	Idaho + F	Cal Poly Pomona 16-0 + F		Northern Colorado + F	Montana State 22-21 + U		Boise State 13-27 + F	Weber State 33-10 + F	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS De Kalb 3-3			Western Michigan 31-49 + U	Northeast Louisiana + U	Illinois State 7-16 + F	Long Beach State + U	Western Illinois + F	Central Michigan 21-25 + U	Southern Illinois 28-0 F	Kent State 21-18 + U	Toledo 9-27 + F	Ball State 6-31 + U	Ohio Univ. 20-6 11 AM + F
NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton 0-2	Tex. El Paso 41-10 + F	Mississippi State (Irving, Tex.) 15-17 + F	Arlington (Irving, Tex.) 15-5 + F	New Mexico State 45-17 + F	Oklahoma State (Irving, Tex.) + F	West Texas 31-20 + F	Texas U		Louisiana Tech (Shreveport) 41-14 + F	Southern Mississippi 27-14 + F	Northeast Louisiana + F	Memphis State 20-19 + F	
NORTHWESTERN Evanston, Ill. 1-10		Illinois 3-7 + U	Iowa 0-24 + U	Wisconsin 7-19 + U	Colorado U	Arizona State 3-35 + U	Indiana 3-23 + U	Minnesota 7-13 + U	Ohio State 15-35 + U	Purdue 16-23 + U	Michigan 20-63 + U	Michigan State 3-44 + U	
NOTRE DAME Indiana 10-1	Notre Dame and Alabama tied for nation's longest win streak with 10	Missouri + F		Michigan + F	Purdue 31-24 + F	Michigan State 16-3 F	Pittsburgh 16-9 + F	Air Force Academy 49-0 F	Miami (Fla.) 48-10 + F	Navy (Cleveland) 49-10 F	Tennessee + F	Georgia Tech 69-14 F	Southern California Nov. 24 48-19 + F
OHIO STATE Columbus 9-2			Penn State + F	Minnesota 39-7 + F	Baylor + F	Southern Methodist 35-7 + F	Purdue 46-0 + F	Iowa 27-6 + F	Northwestern 35-15 + F	Wisconsin 42-0 + F	Illinois 35-0 + F	Indiana 35-7 + F	Michigan 6-14 + F
OHIO UNIV. Athens 1-10		East Michigan 14-31 + U	Purdue 7-44 U	Kent State 23-44 F	Central Mich. 14-31 + U	South Carolina U	Toledo 28-31 + F	West Michigan 23-23 + U	Miami (O) 24-28 + U	Cincinnati 26-28 U	Bowling Green 73-39 + U	North Illinois 6-20 + U	
OKLAHOMA 10-1 Norman		Stanford F	West Virginia + F	Rice + F	Missouri 21-17 + F	Texas (Dallas) 0-13 F	Kansas 24-9 + F	Iowa State 35-16 + F	Kansas State 43-7 + F	Colorado 53-14 + F	Nebraska 23-7 + F	Oklahoma State 61-23 + F	
OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater 4-7		Wichita + F	Florida State 17-25 + U	Arkansas 6-28 + U	North Texas (Irving, Tex.) + F	Kansas State 31-14 + U	Colorado 13-29 + U	Kansas 31-0 + U	Nebraska 14-31 + U	Missouri 14-41 + U	Iowa State 15-21 + U	Oklahoma 25-31 + U	

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OREGON Eugene 2-9		Colorado U	Southern California 15-33 ★+U	Texas Christian 20-44 ★+T	Wisconsin 10-23 U	California 16-48 +U	Briz. Young 8-33 ★F	Washington 0-54 +U	Washington State 20-55 ★+U	UCLA 3-21 +U	Arizona ★+U		Oregon State 28-16 +U
OREGON STATE Corvallis 2-9		Briz. Young 24-19 ★+F	Arizona ★+U	Tennessee 10-41 ★+U	Washington 6-14 ★+U	Minnesota U		Southern California 10-17 +U	Stanford 7-28 +U	Washington State 10-24 +U	UCLA 18-48 ★+U	Arizona State 31-33 ★+U	Oregon 16-23 ★+F
PACIFIC U. of Stockton, Calif. 6-5		Arizona State ★U	Cal.-Davis ★+F	California U	Loma Beach 23-7 ★+U	Fullerton 49-7 ★+F	Fresno State 10-24 ★+U	San Diego State 7-29 ★U	Hawaii 37-7 ★U	Utah State +U	San Jose State 24-7 ★+U	New Mexico U	Colorado State Nov. 23 3-20 ★U
PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia 5-4				Dartmouth 7-3 +F	Lehigh Sept. 20 7-19 ★+F	Columbia 18-30 ★F	Brown 14-7 +U	Lafayette 42-7 F	Yale 21-27 ★+U	Princeton 21-10 +F	Harvard 15-34 ★+F	Cornell 17-7 +F	
PENN STATE Univ. Park 10-1	Penn State has nation's third longest win streak with eight	Rutgers 45-7 ★F	Ohio State U	Southern Methodist ★F	Texas Christian ★F	Kentucky 20-24 ★F		Syracuse 31-24 ★F	West Virginia 40-28 F	Maryland 27-9 ★F	North Carolina 21-17 ★F	Temple 44-7 F	Pittsburgh 15-13 ★F
PITTSBURGH Penn. 8-2-1			Tulane 48-0 ★F	Temple 76-0 ★F	North Carolina ★F	Boston College 45-7 F	Notre Dame 9-19 U	Florida State ★F	Navy 34-17 F	Syracuse 28-21 F	West Virginia 44-3 ★F	Army 52-28 ★F	Penn State 13-15 U
PRINCETON New Jersey 3-6			Cornell 34-0 +U	Rutgers (Ed. Rutherford) 6-10 U	Brown 7-10 ★+U	Columbia 28-7 +F	Colgate 13-31 ★U	Harvard 30-7 ★+U	Pennsylvania 10-21 ★+U	Yale 8-44 +U	Dartmouth 11-14 ★+U		
PURDUE Lafayette, Ind. 5-6			Michigan State 14-19 ★+U	Ohio Univ. 44-7 ★F	Notre Dame 24-31 U	Wake Forest 20-17 ★F	Ohio State 0-46 ★+U	Illinois 22-25 +F	Iowa 24-21 +F	Northwestern 28-16 ★+F	Wisconsin 22-0 +F	Michigan 7-40 +U	Indiana 10-21 ★U
RHODE ISLAND Providence 6-5		Delaware U	Northeastern 12-21 ★F	Morgan State ★T	Brown 10-28 U	Maine 28-0 +F		Massachusetts 9-37 ★+U	Boston Univ. 31-22 ★+U	N Hampshire 21-20 +U	Kings Point? 27-3 ★	Connecticut 14-7 +F	
RICE Houston, Tex. 1-10		Iowa State ★+U	Texas 15-72 ★+U	Oklahoma U	Louisiana State 0-77 ★+U		Texas Christian 15-35 +U	Texas Tech ★+U	Texas A & M 14-23 +U	Arkansas 7-30 +U	Southern Methodist 24-41 ★+U	Baylor 14-24 ★+U	Houston Dec. 2 21-51 ★+U
RICHMOND Virginia 5-8	Southern Mississippi ★U	West Virginia 0-36 U	Wisconsin U	Appalachian 21-13 U	Cincinnati ★U	Villanova U	Virginia Military 0-25 ★U	East Carolina (Norfolk) 14-35 U		North Carolina 0-31 ★U	Chattanooga ★U	Wm. & Mary 13-29 ★U	
RUTGERS, N. Brunswick, N.J. 8-3			Penn State 7-45 U	Bucknell 36-14 F	Princeton (Ed. Rutherford) 10-6 F	Yale T	Connecticut 42-18 ★F	Villanova ★F	Columbia F	Massachusetts F	Temple 14-24 ★F	Holy Cross F	Colgate 0-23 ★F
SAN DIEGO STATE Calif. 10-1			Iowa State T	Tex.-El Paso 40-7 ★+F		Fresno State 34-14 ★+F	Wyoming +F	U. of Pacific 25-7 ★+F	Long Beach State 33-22 ★F	Colorado State ★+F	Briz. Young +U	Miami (Fla.) ★T	New Mexico ★+F
SAN JOSE STATE Calif. 4-7		Idaho ★+F	Stanford 26-31 U	Colorado U	Santa Clara 44-22 ★+U	Hawaii 24-14 ★U	Boise State ★U	Fresno State 24-45 ★+U	Utah State 10-22 +U	Fullerton 23-12 ★+F	U. of Pacific 7-24 +F	Montana ★+F	Long Beach 33-16 ★+U
SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia 5-7		Furman ★+F	Kentucky ★+U	Duke 21-25 U	Georgia 13-15 ★+U	Georgia Tech 17-0 U	Ohio Univ. ★F	Mississippi 10-17 ★U	North Carolina 0-17 ★U	North Carolina State 3-7 U		Wake Forest 24-14 ★F	Clemson 27-31 U
SOUTH DAKOTA Univ. Vermillion 4-7	Omaha 16-17 ★	Northeast Missouri 7-19 ★	Wyoming	Northern Colorado 10-13 ★	North Dakota State 6-9 ★	Morningside 24-10 ★	South Dakota State 15-10 ★	Augustana 8-14 ★	North Dakota 0-20 ★	Omaha (2nd game) 35-14	Reno		
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Los Angeles 7-4		Texas Tech ★F	Oregon 33-15 +F	Alabama (Birmingham) 20-21 ★+U	Michigan State Sept. 29 ★+T		Arizona State ★+F	Oregon State 17-10 ★+F	California 14-17 ★+F	Stanford 48-0 +F	Washington 10-28 ★+U	UCLA 29-27 +F	Notre Dame 19-49 ★U
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale 3-8		Drake 0-13 F	Lamar 0-5 ★U	West Texas State 9-28 ★U	New Mexico State 7-29 ★+U	Illinois State 22-17 F	Arkansas State 6-21 ★U	Wichita State U	Northern Illinois 0-28 ★U	Indiana State 9-14 U	Marshall ★U	Southwest Louisiana 0-24 ★	
SOUTHERN METHODIST Dallas, Tex. 4-7		Texas Christian 45-21 ★+F	Florida (Orlando) ★T	Penn State U		Ohio State 7-35 U	Baylor 6-9 +U	Houston 37-23 ★+U	Texas 14-30 +U	Texas A & M 21-38 ★+U	Rice 41-24 +F	Texas Tech 7-45 +F	Arkansas 7-47 ★+U
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Hattiesburg 6-6	Richmond F	Arkansas State (Little Rock) 10-14 ★U	Cincinnati 6-17 ★U		Mississippi (Jackson) 27-19 ★U	Mississippi State 14-7 ★+U	East Carolina ★+T	Memphis State 14-42 ★U	Florida State 6-35 ★U	North Texas 14-27 ★U	Bowling Green ★+F	Louisville ★+F	
STANFORD Calif. 8-3		Oklahoma ★U	San Jose State 31-26 ★F	Illinois 37-24 F	Tulane 21-17 ★F	UCLA 32-28 ★+U	Washington 21-45 ★+U	Washington State 31-29 +F	Oregon State 26-7 ★+F	Southern California 0-49 ★+U	Arizona State ★+F	California 31-3 +U	
SYRACUSE New York 6-5		Florida State ★T	North Carolina State 0-38 ★T	Michigan State U	Illinois 30-20 ★F	West Virginia 28-9 F	Maryland 10-24 ★F	Penn State 24-31 U		Pittsburgh 21-23 ★U	Navy 45-34 ★F	Boston College 20-3 F	Miami (Fla.) ★T
TEMPLE Philadelphia, Pa. 5-5-1			Drake 42-0 F	Pittsburgh 0-76 U	Delaware 6-3 ★+U	Wm. & Mary U	Cincinnati 17-17 ★+U	West Virginia 16-35 ★U	Boston College ★U	Akron ★F	Butte 24-14 U	Penn State 7-44 ★U	Villanova 26-15 ★F
TENNESSEE Knoxville 4-7			UCLA ★+U	Oregon State 41-10 ★+F	Auburn (Birmingham) 12-14 +U	Army ★T		Alabama 10-24 ★+U	Mississippi State (Memphis) +F	Duke ★F	Notre Dame U	Mississippi 14-43 ★+U	Kentucky 17-21 ★+U
TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville 9-2	Nicholls State ★F	Western Carolina 41-21 ★+U		Murray State 21-19 ★+F	Jacksonville State 27-20 ★F	East Tennessee 69-20 ★	Western Kentucky 31-20 ★+F	Morehead State 24-22 +F	Troy State F	Eastern Kentucky 21-25 ★+F	Austin Peay 21-24 +F	Middle Tennessee 21-9 ★F	Baylor 28-7 ★+U
TEXAS Austin 11-0			Rice (Houston) 72-15 ★+F	Wyoming ★+F	Texas Tech 28-0 ★+F	Oklahoma (Dallas) 13-6 U	North Texas State ★F	Arkansas 13-9 ★+U	Southern Methodist 30-14 ★+F	Houston 35-21 ★+F	Texas Christian 44-14 +F		Texas A&M Dec. 2 57-28 ★+U
TEXAS A&M College Station 6-3		Kansas 26-14 F		Boston College (6 PM) F	Memphis State ★F	Texas Tech 33-17 ★+F	Houston 27-7 ★+F	Baylor 38-31 ★+F	Rice 38-14 ★+F	Southern Methodist 38-21 +F		Arkansas (Little Rock) 30-28 ★+U	TCU 52-23 ★+F

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TEXAS CHRISTIAN 2-9 Fort Worth		Southern Methodist 21-45 +●U		Oregon 24-29 ●T	Penn State U	Arkansas (Little Rock) 6-43 +●U	Rice 35-15 ★+F	Tulane ●F	Baylor 9-48 ★+U	Houston 14-42 +●U	Texas Tech 17-49 ★+U	Texas 14-44 ★+U	Texas A&M 22-53 +U
TEXAS TECH 7-4 Lubbock		Southern California U		Arizona 33-25 ★●U	Texas 0-26 ★+●U	Texas A&M 17-33 +U	New Mexico 45-14 ●F	Rice 45-7 +●F		Baylor 17-7 ★+U	Texas Christian 49-17 +F	Southern Methodist 45-7 ★+U	Houston 7-45 Arkansas Dec. 3 14-17 +U
TOLEDO 3-9 Ohio		Marshall 0-24 U	Minnesota U	Ball State 5-43 +U	East Michigan 7-17 ★+●U	Bowling Green 31-21 ★+●U	West Michigan 7-25 +U	Ohio Univ. 31-29 +U	Miami (O) 3-27 ★+U	Central Mich. 0-44 +U	North Illinois 27-9 ★+U	Kent State 13-23 +U	
TRINITY UNIV 9-2 San Antonio, Tex.		McMurray 22-18 ★+●F	Austin 31-16 +F	Sul Ross 21-14 ★+●F	Tarleton 12-17 +●F		McMurray (2nd Game) 21-14 +F	Austin (2nd Game) ★+●F	Sul Ross (2nd Game) +●F	Tarleton (2nd Game) ★+●F			
TULANE 3-8 New Orleans, La.		Maryland T	Pittsburgh 0-48 ★●U	Georgia Tech 14-38 U	Stanford 17-21 U	Vanderbilt 38-7 F	Boston College 23-30 ★●T	Texas Christian ★+●F	Memphis State 9-27 ★●U	Miami (Fla.) 13-10 ★●U	Mississippi U		Louisiana St. 17-20 ●U
TULSA Oklahoma 3-8	Arkansas State ★●U	Virginia Tech U	Southwest Louisiana 21-45 ★●	Kansas State ★F	Arkansas 5-37 U	Louisville 0-33 ★●T	New Mexico State 27-24 +●F	Cincinnati U	Drake 33-23 ★+F	West Texas State 21-57 ★+U	Wichita 26-38 +U		
UCLA 7-4 Los Angeles, Calif.		Washington 20-12 +U	Tennessee ●F	Kansas 17-7 F	Minnesota 13-37 ★●F	Stanford 28-32 ★+●F	Washington State 27-16 ★+●F	California 21-19 +F	Arizona Oct. 27 ★+●F	Oregon 21-3 ★+F	Oregon State 48-18 +F	Southern California 27-29 ★+U	
UTAH 3-8 Salt Lake City		Idaho State ★●F		Houston 16-34 ●U	Colorado State 3-44 ★+●U	Iowa U	Weber State ★●F	Wyoming 23-13 +U		New Mexico 24-41 ★+F	Tex. El Paso 29-17 +●F	Brigham Young 8-38 ★+U	Utah State 20-0 San Diego St. Dec. 2 +●U
UTAH STATE 4-7 Logan	Idaho State (Japan) Dec. 3 35-7 ●F		Colorado State 10-13 T	Fresno State ★+U	Wyoming 32-31 U	Brigham Young 6-65 U	Long Beach ★+F	Miami (Fla.) ●U	San Jose State 22-10 ★+F	U of Pacific ★+F	Weber State 23-14 ★F		Utah 0-20 ★T
VANDERBILT 2-9 Nashville, Tenn.			Arkansas (Little Rock) ●U	Furman ★●F	Alabama 12-24 +U	Tulane 7-38 ★U	Auburn ★+U	Georgia 13-24 +U	Mississippi 14-26 ★+U	Memphis State U	Kentucky 6-23 +U	Air Force Academy 28-34 ★F	Tennessee Dec. 1 7-42 ★+U
VILLANOVA 4-7 Penn.		Bowling Green ★F	Massachusetts F	Wm. & Mary 8-28 ★U	Clemson U	Richmond ★F	Colgate ★U	Rutgers U	Youngstown 10-13 ●F	Boston College 0-17 ★U	Delaware 33-10 U		Temple 15-38 U
VIRGINIA 1-0-1 Charlottesville		Wake Forest 12-10 +●U	Navy ★U	Army U	VMI 6-30 ★U	Duke 7-31 +U	Clemson 0-31 ★+U	Virginia Tech 14-14 ★U		West Virginia 0-13 U	Maryland 0-23 ★+U	North Carolina 14-35 +U	N.C. State 0-14 ★+U
VIRGINIA MILITARY 7-4 Lexington		William & Mary 23-15 F	Bucknell ★F	Citadel 10-3 +●F	Virginia 30-6 F	East Carolina 13-14 ★F	Richmond 25-0 +F	Lehigh 20-30 ★F	Western Carolina ★+F	Georgia U	Appalachian ★+F	Virginia Tech 7-27 T	
VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg 3-7-1		Tulsa ★F	Wake Forest 25-10 ●F	Auburn ★U	Wm. & Mary 17-8 ★F	Clemson 13-31 U	West Virginia 14-20 ★T	Virginia 14-14 F	Alabama U	Kentucky 0-32 ★U	Florida State 21-23 ●U	VMI 27-7 ★T	
WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem N.C. 1-10		Virginia 10-12 ★+●F	Virginia Tech 10-28 ★●U	Louisiana State ●U	North Carolina 14-41 ★+●U	Purdue 17-26 U	North Carolina 3-24 ★+U	Maryland 7-35 +U	Auburn U	Clemson 0-26 ★+U	Duke 14-38 +U	South Carolina 14-24 U	
WASHINGTON Seattle 7-4		UCLA 12-20 ★+F	Kansas ★F	Indiana F	Oregon State 14-6 +●F	Alabama ★U	Stanford 45-21 +F	Oregon 54-0 ★+F	Arizona State ★+F	Arizona ★+F	Southern California 28-10 +F		Washington State (Spokane) 35-15 +F
WASHINGTON STATE 6-5 Pullman		Las Vegas (Spokane) ●F	Idaho 45-17 ★F	Arizona State (Spokane) 4 PM +U	Army F		UCLA 10-27 +●U	Stanford 29-31 ★+U	Oregon 56-20 +F	Oregon State 24-10 ★+F	California 17-10 +U	Arizona +●F	Washington (Spokane) 15-35 +U
WEBER STATE Ogden, Utah 4-6		No. Dakota St. ★●	Fresno State ●U	North Iowa ★●	Montana 31-23 ★+●F	Montana State 24-27 ★+●U	Utah ●U	Boise State 0-19 +●U	Idaho 30-27 +F	Idaho State 18-21 ★+F	Utah State 14-23 U	North Arizona 10-38 +●U	
WESTERN 1-0-1 KENTUCKY Bowling Green		Chattanooga 3-27 ★U	Illinois State ●	Austin Peay 3-21 ★+U	East Tenn. 33-13 ●	Akron 8-24 ★U	Tenn. Tech 20-31 +U	East Kentucky 10-35 ★+U	Morehead 20-20 +U	Middle Tenn. 19-21 ★F		Murray State 13-21 +U	
WESTERN MICHIGAN 4-7 Kalamazoo		Illinois State ★F	North Illinois 40-21 +●F	Miami (O) 8-14 +U	Bowling Green 14-34 ★+F	Kent State 16-20 +U	Toledo 28-7 ★+F	Eastern Michigan ★+U	Ohio Univ. 28-22 ★+F	Marshall 53-29 F	Ball State 25-29 +U	Central Michigan 23-28 ★+U	
WEST TEXAS STATE 6-4 Canyon	Mississippi State (Jackson) ●U	Arlington 13-17 ●F	McNeese State 8-20 ★●F	Southern Illinois 22-9 F	Wichita State 10-14 ★+●F	North Texas 20-31 ★●U	Lamar 27-9 ★●F	Indiana State 31-20 +F		Tulsa 57-21 +F	Drake 31-7 +F		New Mexico State Nov. 22 17-16 ★+●F
WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown 5-6		Richmond 36-0 ★F	Oklahoma U	North Carolina State ●U	California ★U	Syracuse 9-28 ★U	Virginia Tech 20-14 T	Temple 38-16 F	Penn State 28-49 ★U	Virginia 13-0 ★F	Pittsburgh 2-44 U	Colorado State F	
WICHITA STATE Kansas 5-6		Oklahoma State ★●U	New Mexico 17-22 ★●F	Idaho ★●F	West Texas 14-10 +●U	Drake 47-17 +F	Memphis State 14-23 ●U	Southern Illinois ★+F	New Mexico State 12-24 ★+F	Louisville 21-31 ★F	Tulsa 38-28 ★+F	Indiana State 41-14 +F	
WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, Va. 6-5		Virginia Military 13-23 ★U	Connecticut F	Villanova 28-8 F	Virginia Tech 8-17 U	Temple ★F	James Madison ★	Navy 17-42 U	Louisville 21-7 F	Citadel 14-13 ★F	East Carolina 31-17 U	Richmond 29-13 F	
WISCONSIN 5-6 Madison			Richmond ★F	Northwestern 19-7 +F	Oregon 22-10 ★F	Indiana 30-14 ★+U	Illinois 26-0 +F	Michigan 0-50 ★+U	Michigan State 7-9 +U	Ohio State 0-42 ★+U	Purdue 0-22 ★+U	Iowa 8-24 +U	Minnesota 7-13 ★+U
WYOMING 4-6-1 Laramie			South Dakota ★	Texas ●U	Utah State 31-32 ★F	New Mexico 23-21 ★+F	San Diego State ★+U	Utah 15-23 ★+F	Colorado State 23-13 +U	Brigham Young 7-10 +U	Las Vegas ●F	Hawaii +●F	Tex. El Paso 57-17 +●F LSU Dec. 2 7-68 ●U
YALE 7-2 New Haven, Conn.				Brown 10-9 +U	Connecticut 23-12 ★F	Rutgers ★T	Dartmouth 0-3 +F	Columbia 42-20 ★+F	Pennsylvania 27-21 +F	Cornell 28-0 ★+F	Princeton 44-8 ★+F	Harvard 34-7 +F	
YOUNGSTOWN Ohio 7-3		Northern Iowa ●	Wayne State 31-10	Ashland ●	Saginaw Valley 22-12 ★	Eastern Illinois 52-22 ★●	Central (O) 34-6	Akron 25-10 ★F	Villanova 13-10 ★●U	N. Michigan ★●	West Illinois 37-16 F		

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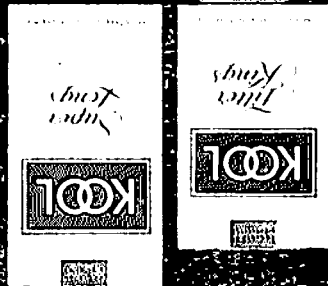
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